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RULES OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

- 1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion.
- 2. The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding day read and approved.
- 3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
- 4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.
- 5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any other member request it.
- 6. When a motion, resolution, or report presented is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before the decision or amendment
- 7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named, viz.: the previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment, or substitute.
- 8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he, thinks himself misrepresented.
- 9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
- 10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
- 11. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.
- 12. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.
- 13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.
- 14. Every member who shall be within the bar, at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
 - 15. No motion will be considered unless seconded.
- 16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of Conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the journal and papers to the next annual Conference.
- 17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
- 18. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the Minutes, shall present their reports in duplicate, one copy for the Conference and another for the Committee on Publication of the Minutes, otherwise the Committee on Publication are not required to insert such report in the Minutes.
- 19. All persons, while passing the disciplinary course of study, who shall be reported below the medium, shall be required to pass another examination on the studies so reported; and the chairman on examining committees shall give notice to the Conterence Secretary and to the deficient party.

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TO NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

PROF. H. HOPKINS.

E. COOLEY.

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TO ALBION COLLEGE.

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R. SAPP.

Delegates to Fraternizing Religious Bodies—The Ministers living where such bodies convene.

Committee of Examination.

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Fourth Year—G. B. JOCELYN, B. F. DOUGHTY, L. H. PIERCE.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—E. BEARD, I. R. A. WIGHTMAN, B. ROBERTS.

Local Deacons for Elder's Orders-T. H. JACOKES, E. COOLEY, E. L. KELLOGG.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon-J. I. BUELL. Alternate-J. W. REID.

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Temperance-G. B. JOCELYN, R. PENGELLY, H. HALL.

Tracts-G. L. HAMILTON, T. T. GEORGE, H. D. JORDON.

Bible Cause-W. DOUST, A. HUNTZBERGER, W. MATTHIAS.

Sunday Schools .- J. I. BUELL, G. S. HICKS, G. W. SHERMAN.

Church and Parsonage Architecture and Insurance—D. D. GILLETT, I. TAYLOR, H. P. HENDERSON.

State of the Church .- T. H. JACOKES, F. D. HEMINGWAY, F. GLASS.

Church Extension-E. D. YOUNG, H. WORTHINGTON, J. E. WHITE.

Freedmen-A. J. RUSSELL, A. R. BOGGS, H. H. PARKER.

Periodicals-W. H. PERRINE, A. T. GRAY, R. C. WELCH.

Sanctity of the Sabbath-LEVI TARR, DAVID ENGLE, B. S. MILLS.

Publishing the Minutes-LEVI TARR, H. M. JOY, J. I. BUELL. G. W. TUTHILL.

Fublic Worship-JOSEPH JONES and C. S. FOX.

Committee on Ministerial Education-F. D. HEMINGWAY.

Statistician-W.H. WARE.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

ST. Joseph, Sept. 13, 1871.

THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE met for its Thirty-Sixth Session in the M. E. Church at St. Joseph at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Bishop E. S. Janes took the Chair, and read the LXIst Chapter of Isaiah and Acts XXth, announcing the 208th Hymn and led in Prayer.

The roll of Conference was called by the former Secretary and one hundred and six responded.

On balloting, M. B. Camburn was reëlected Secretary and allowed to nominate his own Assistants, resulting as follows:

First Assistant-J. I. Buel.

Second Assistant-H. M. Joy.

Recording Secretary-J. W. Robinson.

Statistical Secretary—W. H. WARE.

Minute Secretary-Levi Tarr.

The Standing Committees nominated last year were elected.

The rules of the former Session were adopted.

A Committee was appointed on the Temporal Economy of the Church, as follows:

D. D. GILLETT, R. SAPP, I. COGGSHALL.

The Stewards were appointed a Committee on Necessitous Cases.

A draft of thirty dollars was ordered on the Chartered Fund.
One from each District, namely: M. A. Daugherty, E.
Cooley, H. M. Joy, J. Fowler, F. B. Bangs, N. Fassett, G. D.

Lee, W. Prouty, L. P. Furgeson, was appointed to nominate Standing Committees for next year.

The following lay delegates were added to the Committee on Education: Wm. Alman, J. W. Sheldon, J. W. Webb, H. Rich, H. Cooley, J. G. Murdock.

The following laymen were added to the Board of Stewards: Wm. Hazartt, J. Anderson, J. S. Terrell, Wm. Friend, L. R. Atwater, E. J. Blinn, E. Edwards.

A drop-letter box provided by D. D. Gillett was presented and accepted by a vote of thanks, and a collection ordered.

- J. M. Reid, D. D., was appointed to draft a rule touching complaints. (See Rule 20th).
 - C. H. Fisher was appointed a Committee on Postoffices.
- J. W. Reid was appointed Missionary Treasurer vice Levi Tarr, Excused.
- H. C. Peck and T. A. Jacokes, were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.
- J. C. Wortley was appointed a Special Committee to prepare a Memoir of Sister Wm. Brockway.
- L. W. Eari was appointed on the Board of Stewards *vice* A. L. Crittenden, excused.

The Presiding Elders were Appointed a Committee on Missions.

It was ordered that the Board of Stewards be instructed to prepare their reports for next year, so that the items of house rent or parsonage be included under the head of salary.

The 11th question was then taken up.

D. D. Gillett of Albion, R. Sapp of Coldwater, I. Coggshall of Kalamazoo Districts, presented reports.

The names of Effective Elders were called and characters passed.

The certificates of transfer of C. L. Barnhart of Erie Conference, and J. Hill of Geneseo, were presented and their names ordered on the roll. And they, with Brother Plumb of Rock Island, were introduced.

After the reference of documents to various committees, and notices of their meetings, Conference adjourned by singing the Doxology and Prayer by E. H. Day.

SECOND DAY.

St. Joseph, Sept. 14, 1871.

Bishop Janes in the Chair at 8 1-2 A. M.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. S. Steele.

Journal read, corrected and approved.

R. C. Welch was appointed to receive moneys for the Church Extension Society.

A. A. Knappen was appointed Second Assistant Missionary Treasnrer.

The Eleventh question was taken up and the Presiding Elders of Grand Rapids, Ionia, Pentwater, Lansing, Big Rapids and Grand Traverse Districts made their reports and the Elders were called reporting their Missionary collections, and their characters passed.

F. D. Hemingway, H. D. Jorden, H. F. Spencer were appointed a Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Second, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh and Eighth questions were successively called.

A report from the Trustees of Albion College was referred to the Committee on Education.

Brothers Tatherd of Black River, and Moody of Central Illinois, were introduced.

Time was extended, and Dr. Rust, agent of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The election of delegates was fixed as the order of the day for Saturday at 10 A. M.

After announcements, singing and the benediction, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

St. Joseph, Sept. 15, 1871.

Bishop Janes in the Chair. Conference opened at 8 1-2 A. M. Services by Wm. Doust. Journal read, corrected and approved.

C. C. Olds, P. E. of Niles District reported. And the names of Elders were called and passed.

The third question was called up and a class of twenty came forward, were examined, and affectionately addressed by the Bishop.

Dr. Jocelyn offered his resignation as Trustee of Albion College.

After the usual announcements, singing and the benediction, Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

ST. Joseph, Sept. 16, 1871.

Bishop Janes took the Chair at 8 1-2 A. M. T. H. Jacokes led the devotions.

Brother Grant, of the New York Book Concern, was introduced, and asked the appointment of E. H. Day to assist him in collecting his accounts. He was appointed.

Rev. Colburn, of the Congregational Church, St. Joseph, was introduced, and bore the fraternal greetings of that body to the Conference.

Bishop Janes responded.

S. T. Cooper and I. W. Joice of the N. W. Indiana Conference were introduced.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. Ford of Troy Conference—presented the certificate and he was introduced.

- L. P. Furgeson was elected to Elders orders under the missionary rule.
 - J. H. Richards was made effective.

The Bishop was requested to arrange the Conference for the proper reception of the Lay Electoral Conference, and respond to their address.

Amid great applause the Electoral Conference entered in a body, and by request of Hon. H. Rich their president, J. W. Stone, Esq., presented an able address of fraternal greetings which was followed by a series of resolutions adopted by the Lay Conference.

T. H. Jacokes offered a series of responsive resolutions, and the Bishop in behalf of the Conference, delivered an earnest, eloquent, and affectionate address to the Joint Conferences.

The following was passed:

WHEREAS, This Conference has listened with profound interest to the admirable address of the Lay Electoral Conference, therefore;

Resolved, That a copy of the same be requested for publication in our minutes.

J. Jones, A. J. Eldred.

The publication of the minutes of the Lay Conference were also provided for, in the annual minutes.

Hon. H. Rich, and Hon. C. R. Brown, Lay Delegates to the General Conference, and L. R. Atwater, and J. W. Stone, their alternates, were introduced.

The 712th Hymn was sung and prayer offered by Hon. Wm. Alman and J. M. Reid, D. D.

Conference took up the order of the day, and proceeded to the election of delegates to the General Conference.

W. Rice and Levi Tarr were appointed tellers.

The whole number of votes cast was 168; necessary to a choice, 85. J. M. Reid, D. D., received 162; G. B. Jocelyn D. D., received 139; W. H. Perrine, D. D., received 112; I. Coggshall received 96; A. J. Eldred received 90.

They all having a majority were duly elected.

The session having been extended, announcements were made and Conference adjourned, with the doxology and benediction by J. H. Pitezel.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16. 2 1-2 P. M.

At 2 1-2 P. M. Bishop Janes took the Chair. Devotions were led by Rev. D. Burns.

J. C. Wortley reported on Periodicals.

The question of Local Preachers to be ordained Deacons was considered.

Conference being entitled to seven delegates, proceeded to elect two more, resulting in the choice of C. C. Olds and M. B. Camburn; R. Sapp and H. M. Joy, were elected reserves.

C. C. Olds presented the appeal of J. R. Skinner. Referred to the following committee.

F. B. Bangs, President; G. B. Jocelyn, A. J. Russell, W. M. Ball, R. Pengelly, E. Marble, A. Huntsberger, W. H. Paddock, T. Clark, L. M. Edmonds.

By request of Ovid Quarterly Conference, the parchments of Samuel Eaton were restored.

Conference granted the Trustees of Northport permission to sell their parsonage.

The Third question was called.

Dr. Hemingway submitted a report from the Especial Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted and the committee continued another year. (See general statistics.)

M. A. Daugherty of the Nominating Committee reported. Report adopted.

Announcements were made for Sabbath services, and Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by J. W. Robinson.

MONDAY MORNING.

St. Joseph, Sept. 18, 1871.

At 8 1-2 A. M., Bishop Janes in the Chair. J. W. Robinson led the devotions.

The Bishop presented the list of Elders and Deacons ordained yesterday.

The estimated expenses of the next General Conference was presented and referred to the Presiding Elders to apportion among the several charges.

A communication from the Missionary Secretaries, relating to the debt of the Society was referred to the Presiding Elders. (See resolutions.)

The report of the Committee to settle with J. W. Sheldon, Endowment Fund Treasurer, was made and accepted.

The Committee on the Temporal Economy of the Church reported. It was adopted. (See report.)

The Stewards reported a basis of claims, which was amended and adopted.

I. Coggshall was appointed to take a collection for T. J. Congdon; amount \$66.30.

The report on Education was read and adopted.

T. H. Jacokes was appointed to cast the conference ballot for Trustees.

The report of Albion Endowment Fund Trustee was presented. Adopted and filed.

M. A. Daugherty read a paper from David Preston, Esq., on Albion College Endowment, and it was ordered printed in the minutes.

The Second and Seventh questions were successively taken up. B. S. Pratt was made effective.

Jackson was selected as the place for the next Conference.

G. W. Benson, of the colored church of St. Joseph, Rev. Holt of East Genesee, and Rev. S. M. Merritt a transfer to this Conference, were introduced.

The report on Memoirs was presented and adopted, by a rising vote.

Notices were given, journal read, and Conference adjourned with the benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ST. Joseph, Sept. 19, 1871.

Dr. J. M. Reid in the Chair. Conference opened at 8 1-2 A. M. S. Steele led the devotions.

The report on the Bible Cause was submitted and adopted.

On motion, a draft of one hundred dollars was ordered on the Missionary Society for publishing the minutes. The treasurer of the Missionary Society reported, and it was accepted.

The chairman of the Missionary Committee presented his report and it was adopted.

The First question was taken up. The Court of Appeals presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Rev. J. R. Skinner, request that the decision of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Lawrence, by which he was expelled from the Church, be and is hereby reversed.

F. B. BANGS, Chairman. J. I. Buell.

The papers are returned to the Secretary of the Conference.
The reports on Church Architecture, Church Extension,
the State of the Church, Temperance, and Freedmen's Aid
Society were all presented and adopted.

Brother Boggs read a letter from Dr. Kynett, appropriating \$500 from the Church Extension Society to the South Haven Church.

Appropriate resolutions were passed. (See resolutions.)

A lack of funds for publishing the minutes being reported, J. Jones, J. I. Buell, and W. J. Aldrich were appointed a committee to assess the Conference on the basis of salaries, giving each credit for his subscription.

The pastors were instructed to take the especial collections for the debt on the Missionary Society and for General Conference expenses within four months and report to their Presiding Elders.

The Bishop then led in devotions and briefly addressed the Conference. He then answered the Sixteenth question by announcing the appointments.

The doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced, the Conference adjourned to meet at Jackson one year hence.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recollect with mournful pleasure the presiding of Bishop Clark at the last session of this body. Even then his feebleness gave premonition of his approaching end, but his fidelity to his work, with his urbanity and kindness, amid his sufferings, will be long cherished in our hearts. The triumph of his end was such as was to be expected from such a life. We tender to his family our warmest sympathies.

Resolved, That with glad hearts we have welcomed among us our venerable and beloved Bishop Janes. His presence, his counsel, and his fervent, faithful words, have been a great joy to our hearts during his stay. We pray that he may be long preserved to the Church, and to his family, and may continue his eminent activities and usefulness till the hour when he shall be transferred to his reward on high.

JOSEPH JONES.
J. M. REID.
C. C. OLDS.

Whereas, certain grave charges have been preferred against J. H. RICHARDS, on which he was suspended from the work of the ministry by the proper authorities of the Church, and

WHEREAS, it has since been discovered that said charges were founded in misrepresentation, and the prosecution now desires to withdraw the same; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference regrets the occurrence, dismisses the case, and votes that the character of Rev. J. H. RICHARDS now stands approved.

J. JONES. C. C. OLDS.

Whereas, it sometimes occurs that agreements for the division of church property are made by Quarterly Conferences, to become effective when certain contingencies shall have transpired; and

WHEREAS, such contingencies are not usually reduced to record, and frequently divide societies on questions involving their terms, and of necessity their fulfillment; therefore,

Resolved—1st. It is the sense of this Conference that such agreements should seldom, if ever, be made.

2d. That such agreements, if so made that their terms can be ascertained, should be considered as binding all parties thereto to a strict fulfillment.

D. D. GILLETT. R. SAPP. I. COGGSHALL.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to Rev. Joseph Jones and Rev. T. H. Jacokes for the ample provision they have made for the entertainment of this Conference, and for the very agreeable and pleasant manner in which they have performed this difficult task.

J. COWAN.
J. W. ROBINSON.
A. P. MOORS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor for the generous hospitality with which we and our friends have been entertained during this session. We congratulate our hosts that notwithstanding the greatness of our numbers, they have been able to extend such accommodation to their guests, that with perfect unanimity we are able to declare that we will long remember with pleasure and gratitude our pleasant stay among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad for the kindly accommodation with which they have favored us, and to the other lines and boats that have also favored us.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the Secretaries for their efficient services during this session.

R. SAPP.
D. D. GILLETT.
J. M. REID.
I. COGSHALL.
E. H. DAY.

 Resolved, That we heartily respond to all the sentiments of cordiality and affection conveyed to us in the address of the Lay Electoral Conference now presented, and as heartily concur in all its expressions of admiration for our economy, and determination to sustain the same in all its essential features; and we rejoice to welcome our laymen to their new responsibilities as our fellow helpers in the Lord.

- 2. Resolved, That we recognize lay delegation as accomplished in fact, though one item in the form is yet incomplete, and we instruct our delegates to the General Conference to vote for the needful change of rule and the immediate admission of the provisional lay delegates.
- 3. Resolved, That we are opposed to the quadrennial election of our Bishops, and in favor of continued general superintendency. We see no reason for radical changes in our economy, and would especially lament the introduction of any such at this time, when this new and important feature is as yet untried.

T. H. JACOKES.
I. COGSHALL.
GEO. B. JOCELYN.
J. M. REID.

Resolved, That this Conference duly appreciates the timely aid given by the Church Extension Society to our Church at South Haven; and in view of this liberality we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to promote the interests of this Society within our boundaries.

Resolved. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Church Extension Society at Philadelphia.

Resolved, That when the minutes of the Conference are published, should it be found that in the report of Trust Funds by Pastors discrepancies be found, the Presiding Elders shall inquire into the cause of such discrepancies, and report the same, so far as ascertained, to this body at its next session, together with the name of any and all delinquents, for action.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. What Preachers are admitted on trial?

Answer. Wilbur I. Coggshall, D. W. Parsons, Nelson Saunders, G. L. Mount, Duncan M. Ward, Augustus H. Gillett.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

Answer. C. D. Thomas, Wm. Harper, Albert Hunt, John W. H. Carlisle, J. W. Hollowell, Chas. Jacokes, Levi Masters, Alonzo Rogers, H. N. Hall, Isaac Bennett, H. C. Downs, A. J. Wheeler, Nicholas Bray, John M. Johns, Wm. Heysew, Thos. R. Wilkinson.

QUESTION 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer. M. Browning, G. S. Hickey, J. Graham, Jas. H. Potts, A. J. Wheeler, E. Treadgold, F. I. Bell, L. C. Austin, Jas. A. Van-Fleet, Geo. L. Cole, B. H. Whitman, G. S. Hicks, Limus Bathrick, J. R. Cadwell, Wm. Riley, Thos. R. Wilkinson, Saml. S. Wilson, J. R. Sterk, T. Lyon, H. H. Hall, S. P. Hewett, J. S. Valentine, A. E. Ketchum.

QUESTION 4. Who are the Deacons?

Answer. First Class of 1870—A. A. Knappen, J. W. Reid, G. L. Haight, G. W. Gosling, W. Barrett, W. M. Ball, J. F. Wallace, J. E. White, H. C. Williams, T. S. Frey, G. A. Phillips, A. R. Boggs, B. S. Mills, S. G. Blanchard, C. H. Howe, C. S. Wolverton, J. Hamilton, N. D. Marsh, G. L. Gilbert, W. T. Williams, R. C. Welch, J. Webster, T. Cleghorn, Chas. Powers.

Second Class, ordained in '71—Mark Browning, Jas. H. Potts, Elight Treadgold, Lyman C. Austin, Geo. L. Cole, Jason R. Cadwell, John K. Stark, Julius Valentine, Arthur Wheeler, Geo. S. Hicks.

Received from M. E. Church, Canada-James Draper.

LOCAL DEACONS. The following were ordained Local Deacons viz:

D. A. Ide, G. L. Mount, Chas. W. Williams, Isaac Fairbanks, Nelson Saunders, Asa F. Swenn, Augustus H. Gillett, J. H. Webb.

QUESTION 5. Who have been elected and ordained elders?

Answer. H. D. Jordan, J. Cowan, G. G. Draper, L. H. Pierce, H. H. Parker, L. P. Ferguson, Henry Coggshall, E. Hays.

Local—H. Coggshall, Saml. Westlake.

QUESTION 6. Who have located this year?

Answer. T. Edwards, J. Ulrich,

QUESTION 7. Who are supernumerary this year!

Answer. A. W. Torrey, T. H. Bignall, W. H. Brockway, W. W. Welch, T. Lyon, W. W. Johnson, W. J. Swift, T. H. Jacokes.

QUESTION 8. Who are the superannuated or worn out Preachers?

Answer. J. L. Childs, S. Steel, J. A. Sprague, E. C. Chambers, J. H. Pitezell, W. Gray, H. Penfield, E. Westlake, A. Billings, W. F. Jenkins, G. A. Van Horn, H. Morgan, A. C. Beach, G. W. Hoag, A. A. Darling, L. Chatfield, G. W. Chapin, E. McAllister, D. S. Bacon, S. L. Hamilton, W. McKnight, A. Wakefield, D. S. Haviland.

QUESTION 9. Who have been expelled?

Answer. None.

QUESTION IO. Who have withdrawn?

Answer. N. L. Otis.

QUESTION II. Are the Preachers blameless in life and con versation?

Answer. The names of all the Preachers were called and their characters passed.

QUESTION 12. Who have died this year?

Answer. Wm. Hott, probationer, and Geo. Bradley.

QUESTION 14. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their allowances on circuits?

Answer. See Steward's report.

QUESTION 15. What has been raised on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

Answer. See Steward's report.

QUESTION 16. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1871-2.

ALBION DISTRICT-C. S. Fox, P. E.

Albion-J. C. Wortley.

Jackson-J. Jones.

Marshall—J. I. Buel

Battle Creek—D. D. Gillet.

Marengo--S. C. Woodard.

→ Homer--J. W. Reid.

Parma-E. Cooley.

Liberty--B. F. Wright.

Concord—A, A. Dunton.

Moscow-S. M. Merrit.

Mosherville—J. F. Wallace.

Litchfield—W. H. Ware.

Tekonsha-A. H. Gillett.

Union City-G. W. Tuthill.

Leroy-E. Marble.

Burlington-L. M. Bennett.

Nashville—C. H. Ellis—One to be supplied.

Bellevue--I. Taylor.

Olivet-A. Hunsberger.

Dover--To be supplied by J. J. Jenkins.

Springport—A. J. Brussell.

Emmet—To be supplied by Thomas Sprague.

COLDWATER DISTRICT—R. SAPP, P E..

Coldwater-W. H. Pearce.

Girard-F. Gage.

Quincy-W. M. Paddock.

Allen-W. M. Ball.

Sturgis--R. C. Welch.

Jonesville-H. P. Henderson.

← Hillsdale—G. S. Hickey.

North Adams—J. Clubine.

Osseo—A. M. Hunt.

Cambria-J. A. Van Fleet.

Ransom-J. M. Johns.

Reading-To be supplied.

Burr Oak—E. Beard.

Bronson—T. T. George.

Gilead—J. Hoyt.

Centerville—L. H. Pearce.

Constantine-J. N. Dayton.

Mottville-B. W. Smith.

White Pigeon-J. White.

Kinderhook-T. R. Wilkinson.

Colon-L. M. Edmonds.

Butler-I. Bennet.

Mattison—To be supplied by D. A. Ide.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT-I. COGSHALL, P. E.

Kalamazoo—H. M. Joy. Three Rivers—Levi Tarr.

Parkville—W. I. Cogshall.

Bedford—C. T. Van Antwerp. Richland—Thomas Cleghorne.

Cooper-E. D. Young.

Mendon-W. Rice. Schoolcraft-C. L. Barnhart. Waukeshma-J. W. Hollowell. Oshtemo--A. E. Ketchum. Mattawan-C. H. Fisher. Paw Paw-Wm. Ford. Waverly-T. Clark. Galesburgh—D. Engle. Augusta—E. H. Day.

Prarieville-J. E. White. Plainwell-J. W. Miller. Otsego-G. L. Haight. Allegan-G.W. Sherman. Ganges-F. M. Deits. Saugatuck-J. Cowan. Flowerfield—To be supplied. Bloomingdale—To be supplied.

F. D. Hemenway, Professor in Garrett Biblical Institute and member of Kalamazoo Quarterly Conference.

NILES DISTRICT-C, C. OLDS. P. E.

Niles-G. S. Barnes. Buchanan-W. M. Coplin. Berrien—J. Fowler. New Buffalo-J. S. Valentine. Laketon and Dayton-J.W. H. Car- Dowagiac-N. L. Brockway. Stevensville-J. H. Skinner. St. Joseph-J. T. Iddings. Benton Harbor—H. Worthington. Coloma-Uri Mason. Silver Creek-D. Burns.

Pokagon—G. C. Eliot. Edwardsburgh-M. I. Smith. Lagrange-G. S. Hicks. Cassopolis-J. Webster. Keeler-J. P. Force. Lawrence-Wm. Matthias. Decatur—A. R. Boggs. Bangor—I. N. Tomes. South Haven—To be supplied. , Lawton-H. Hall.

J. M. Reid, editor of Northwestern Christian Advocate, and member of Niles Quarterly Conference.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT-A. J. ELDRED. P. E.

GRAND RAPIDS: Division Street—H. F. Spencer, Lamont- John Graham, Bridge Street—W. J. Aldrich.

Berlin-N. Mount.

Ravenna-A. T. Gray. Sparta-J. H. Tanner. Grandville—To be supplied.

Hastings-J. H. Ross. Cedar Springs-J. H. Potts. Alaska—G. E. Hollister.

Spring Lake—I. R. A. Wightman. Holland-W. A. Bronson.

Rockford-Wm. Riley. Cannon-E. D. Bacon. Monterey-E. Hays. Kellogsville-To be supplied.

Wayland-G. A. Philips.

Muskegon-W. W. Baldwin.

Middleville-L. Masters.

IONIA DISTRICT--D. F. BARNES, P. E.

Muir-To be supplied by W.B. Hoyt. Ionia-T. F. Hildreth. Saranac-To be supplied by N. Pewamo-To be supplied by S. Snyder. Reasoner.

Lowell--B. S. Mills.

Vergennes-Charles Chick, Jr.

Orleans-T. J. Spencer.

Greenville--W. M. Colby.

Fair Plains-J. S. Harder.

Stanton-W. T. Williams.

Orange-B. H. Whitman.

Bowne-J. Hills.

Irving-N. D. Marsh.

Woodland-A. Rogers.

Lyons-F. f. Bell.

LANSING DISTRICT-N. FASSETT, P. E.

LANSING:

First Church-F. B. Bangs.

Central Church-J. W. Robin- DeWitt-F. J. Freeman.

Mason-R. Pengelly.

Leslie—A. A. Rolfe.

Onondaga-J. R. Cadwell.

Rives-H. H. Hulbert.

Laton Rapids-H. H. Parker.

Charlotte-B. F. Doughty. Vermontville-J. Gulick.

Windsor-D. C. Woodard.

Palo-G. C. Draper

Bushnell-To be supplied by S. S.

Slyte.

Bloomer-W. Prouty.

Portland-A. P. Moor.

Danby-C. G. Thomas.

Hubbardston-W. Barrett.

Wolverston Plains-To be supplied

by H. H. Stricland.

Sebewa-To be supplied by E. H.

Turner.

Okemos-T. J. Hill.

Bath-S. G. Blanchard.

Grand Ledge—H. D. Jordon. Bengal-B. S. Pratt. St. Johns-L. W. Earl.

Ovid-W. Doust.

Shepherdville-A. L. Crittenden.

Maple Rapids-E. Wilkinson.

Fulton-C. A. Jacokes.

Ithica—S. P. Hewitt.

St. Louis-J. R. Stark.

Ray.

net, Jr.

Elbridge-Charles Powers.

White Hall—James Draper.

Hesperia—L. J. Griffin.

Fox Lake-H. N. Hall.

Beaver—To be supplied by Robert

Oceana Indian Mission-I. Ben-

PENTWATER DISTRICT-G, D. LEE, P. E.

Pentwater—E. L. Kellogg.

Manistee-A. A. Knappen.

Bear Lake-W. Heysett.

Sauble River-D. W. Parsons. Pere Marquette-Geo. L. Mount.

Riverton-W. Harper.

Hart-C. H. Howe.

Benona-L. C. Austin.

Otto-E. Treadgold.

H. H. Hall, Missionary to China.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT-M. B. CAMBURN, P. E.

Traverse City-James Roberts.

Northport and Leland-H. C. Wil-

Antrim City-Mark Browning.

Frankfort-George L. Cole.

Old Mission-Supplied by S.Steele. Almira-Supplied by G. W. Yonk-

er.

Wexford-Supplied by A. L. Thurs-

White Water N. M. Steele. Monroe City-Linus Bathrick. Glen Arbor-George L. Gilbert.

Charlevoix-To be supplied.

Pine River Indian Mission-Isaac Greensky. Mackinaw-A. J. Sensabaugh. Inland-To be supplied by C. W. Cheboygan-A. J. Wheeler. Williams.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT-H. C. PECK, P. E.

Big Rapids—James Hamilton.

Paris-G. W. Gosling.

Newaygo-L. P. Ferguson.

Casnovia-L. W. Calkins.

roff.

Pierson-N. Saunders.

Morley-S. S. Wilson.

Millbrook-J. H. Richards.

Salt River-J. W. Cawthorne.

Torch Lake-H. C. Downs.

Mt. Pleasant—N. Bray.

Isabella Indian Mission-To be supplied by John Jones.

Croton-To be supplied by R. Red-Sandfordville-To be supplied by H. Coggshall.

Evarts-To be supplied.

Ashton-D. M. Ward.

Sherman City-To be supplied.

C. S. Warburton, transferred to Minnesota Conference. V. G. Boynton, transferred to DesMoines Conference.

Where and when shall our next Conference QUESTION 17. be held?

ANSWER. At Jackson-time not fixed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education would respectfully report as follows:

We are deeply impressed with the importance of a universal spread of knowledge, and rejoice in the success of our common schools and State University.

These are monuments of our present, and prophecies of our future civilization. Knowledge is power, good or bad as it is used. Hence the necessity for Christian education.

True, the State desires morality along with mental culture, but she cannot appreciate much less secure, that heart culture which alone with "wisdom and knowledge is the stability of the times."

We must have Christian schools to perpetuate Christianity; nay, more, we must have Methodist schools for the stability and perpetuating of Methodism.

To found and sustain these is a work of vast magnitude. It requires a great expenditure of time, of money, and of heart and brain power.

That this work was not all done by our fathers, and that some mistakes were made by them, is neither a marvel to us nor a fault of theirs.

If we improve upon experience, employing our accumulated resources, we shall grandly meet the demand of the hour, and never were demands greater.

The incoming tide of foreign population, like ocean waves on all our shores threatens to sweep over our mountains and spread over our valleys submerging this Christian land with the muddy waters of Roman Catholicism, French infidelity, German rationalism, and Chinese paganism.

We would not stay this tide, but by amply endowing and nobly sustaining our Christian colleges, give our boys and girls such culture of head and culture of heart as will make them repositories of power to save these new citizens.

This is the work of the Methodist Church in Michigan. That she begins to feel her responsibility and appreciate her privilege, is shown by the successful effort to endow her only college.

A brighter day dawns upon Albion College. Now one grand heroic effort of all the four hundred pastors jointly with the fifty thousand laymen of Michigan Methodism will give her such an impetus as to insure her a glorious future.

The number of students the past year is as follows:

Seniors			13
Juniors			9
Sophomores	•••••		7
Freshmen.			
Total in college classes	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	40	
Preparatory students			
Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		

This is less than one from every fifty Methodist families. If each preacher would secure one, it would more than double this number.

EXPENSES THE PAST YEAR.

For Salaries\$5	,525	63
Incidentals	568	03
Interest	463	93
Laboratory	143	50
Janitor	272	75
Fuel	181	25
Total	,285	09

RECEIPTS.

From Endowment Fund	2,850	35
Albion Board of Control	1,542	10
Detroit Centenary	323	58
College Income	2,461	50
Central M. E. Church, Detroit	200	00
Total Income \$	7 277	53

This exhibit shows \$92.44 on the credit side of the Ledger.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Ladies' Boarding Hall has been thoroughly repaired and refurnished. The south building has been remodeled and completed, providing a commodious chapel, an office and rooms for the President and library. The college grounds have been graded, enclosed, laid out in drives and walks and set out to forest trees and shrubbery. Thus students are afforded ample accommodations in the midst of delightful surroundings.

The following board of instruction has been elected:

Rev. G. B. Jocelyn, D. D., President and Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy.

Rev. W. H. Perrine, D. D., Professor of History, Belles Lettres and Arts.

Rev. Eugene Haanel, A. M., Professor of Natural Sciences.

Rev. J. H. Hopkins, A. M., Professor of Latin Language and Literature.

Marcellus W. Darling, A. B., Professor of Greek Language and Literature.

John H. Fassett, A. B., Professor of Mathematics.

Miss Rachel Carney, M. S., Preceptress and Professor of Modern Languages.

This Faculty is proof of the determination of the Trustees that the College in its teaching department shall be second to none.

This Faculty gives general satisfaction and restores confidence, but a large Faculty of reputation and experience, such as will command public confidence and increase numerical attendance, will of necessity increase the expenses.

The estimated expense for next year is \$13,560.00, while the probable receipts will reach only \$8,900.00, leaving \$4,660.00 for the two conferences to provide for. The above exhibit of assets does not include the various collections taken, which for Michigan Conference are as follows:

Niles\$	1 00	Buchanan	2	00
Wayland	1 15	Cassopolis		90
Nashville	6 00	Mason	2	00
Ganges	2 80	Albion	42	00
Mosherville	3 00	Oshtemo	1	00
Okemos	2 00	Pere Marquette		80
Battle Creek	10 54	Plainwell	1	25
First Charge, Lansing	2 00	Girard	1	25
Vergennes	1 00	Parkville	4	00
Moscow	2 00	Springport	15	00
Berlin	4 00%	DeWitt	1	25
Mattawan	7 19	Bridge St., Grand Rapids	5	67
Paris	2 00	Bedford	3	00
Vermontville	7 00	Mount Pleasant	3	00
Bath	4 00	Ionia	3	CO
Fox Lake	1 17	Salt River	1	00
Dover	2 00	Danby	1	00
Riverton	85	Liberty	8	50

Big Rapids	6 00	Dowagiac	5 46
Burlington	3 45	Paw Paw	12 00
Sturgis	10 00	Constantine	3 00
Rockford	1 00	Marengo	7 50
White Hall	2 80	Jackson	27 16
Litchfield	2 20	Division St., Grand Rapids.	15 00
Lamont	2 00	Greenville	10 00
Union City	3 71	Eaton Rapids	12 00
Pewamo,	2 00	Lawton	5 00
Otsego	4 75	Irving	2 85
Homer	5 40	St. Louis	3 55
Orange	7 00	Three Rivers	6 23
Tekonsha	1 00	Cedar Springs	4 00
Mattawan	5 00	Lagrange	5 30
Parma	10 00	Centerville	10 00
Ovid	5 00	Newaygo	1 00
Leroy	2 00	Portland	2 50
Pierson	4 00	Sheperdsville	1 00
Coldwater	10 63	St. Johns	10 00
Colomo	3 00		
Bloomer	5 00	Total	398 41

It is earnestly recommended that the probable deficit of \$4,660 for next year, be raised by the preachers; one-half by the Michigan Conference.

At the late State Convention, David Preston, Esq., of Detroit, pledged himself to raise from the people \$60,000.00, within two years after \$50,000.00 were received from fifty persons or less. We desire to record gratitude to God, our father, for the pledge of this Christloving layman. Now we sing the Doxology of praise that this \$50,000.00 is raised, but until this is finally consummated the college needs, nay, the college must have these annual collections to save her from an accumulated debt. Therefore, Resolved, That we recommend every preacher to take a collection for Albion College.

The term of office of M. A. Daugherty and Wm. Bort has expired. We recommend the election of Judge C. R. Brown, of Kalamazoo, in the place of Wm. Bort, and the re-election of Rev. M. A. Daugherty.

We nominate Hon. H. Rich, of Ionia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Jocelyn.

The following are nominated as a board of visitors: Revs. Joseph Jones, L. H. Pierce, and W. W. Baldwin; also, G. P. Sanford, of Lansing, J. W. Stone, of Allegan, and H. R. Gardner, of Jonesville.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Albion College be requested to procure from the Legislature such a change of their charter as to increase the number of Trustees to twenty, exclusive of the President, ten to be elected by the Detroit, and ten by the Michigan Conference.

Whereas, Under the zealous labors of M. A. Daugherty, Agent the College grounds and buildings have been very greatly improved, and this grand endowment is about to be realized; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees have re-elected him; and

WHEREAS, Said Board has re-elected Dr. Jocelyn, President, and Dr. Perrine, Professor.

Resolved, That we recommend the Bishop to appoint Dr. Jocelyn, President, Dr. Perrine, Professor, and Rev. M. A. Daugherty, Agent of Albion College.

Resolved, That we instruct the Agent as fast as possible to collect all notes to the endowment fund.

We greatly rejoice in the continued prosperity of G. B. Institute. We sincerely regret the loss both to this institution and the west of the matured powers and ripe scholarship of D. P. Kidder, D.D. The growing wealth, social position and intelligence of the church demands a ministry of high culture and varied attainments. Therefore, Resolved, That while we pray, "send more laborers into the vineyard," we will recommend young men who feel moved of the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel, to supplement their scientific and classical course with a thorough Biblical training.

We recommend as visitors, Rev. C. C. Olds and H. F. Spence.
G. B. JOCELYN, President.
LEVI TARR, Secretary.

ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—Your Committee, appointed to consider the "Temporal Economy of the Church," after deliberation submit the following Report:

Premising that the administration of the tenure of our church property (as shown by the public records) is, in the opinion of your Committee, about on a par with that of our sister churches in Michigan, it is due to the Conference, and Church, that your attention should be called to it, as being loose, vague, and, in too many instances, wholly indefinite and void. The aim of all legal provisions bearing upon this matter is evidently simplicity, security, and explicitness. Their provi-

sions have been carefully studied, weighed, and adapted to the varied interests they were designed to aid and guard. The providings are nevertheless specific, and the securities they offer us become effective when, and only when, each special requirement has been fully complied with A few simple provisions, easily executed, attended with little expense, define all the necessary steps, to give a legal status to a corporation, authorized "to take into their possession and custody all the temporalities of" a "church congregation or society," whether the same shall consist of real or personal estate, "with authority in their corporate name to sue and be sued in all courts and places," to "recover and hold all the debts, demands, rights and privileges, all churches, buildings, burying places, and all the estate and appurtenances belonging to such church congregation or society," and also clothed with other duties and privileges, as grave as various, each of which is of frequent necessity in our church work. (See C. L. 2015 and 2016.) So grave are both these duties and privileges that they ought not to be entrusted to an organization of doubtful character, or one having no legal status. The corporation must command the public confidence in order to its present efficiency, and it can secure the permanent good of those it would represent only as the provisions of public law shall have been regarded in its constitution, methods, and perpetuation. And although the statutory provisions relating to church corporations are so very few and simple, every administrator should insist that each of them should be fully complied with and executed—not in "substance" and "spirit," as is too often the case, but explicitly and "to the letter."

In the suggestions that follow, your Committee have been favored by consultation and aid from a leading jurist of the State.

The "field" of Methodism "is the world," but for the sake of efficiency its laborers are assigned to certain territory. The purpose of this report is, to point out the temporal workings of the Church in Michigan. The State is divided into two Annual Conferences—the Detroit Conference, embracing all the territory of the Lower Peninsula east of the principal meridian, and the Upper Peninsula. The Michigan Conference, with the temporalities of which we are entrusted, embraces all the territory of the Lower Peninsula west of the principal meridian. It is presided over by a Bishop, and is now divided into ten Districts, each of which is under the charge of a Presiding Elder, who is entrusted by the discipline "to oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the church" in his respective district. (Dis., Part II., Chap. ii., Sec. 14, Ques. 4, Ans. 5.)

It is the prerogative of the Bishop presiding, to fix the pastoral relation of all the societies, and to appoint the Pastors; to assign the

several Pastorates to a given District, and to appoint the Presiding Elders. In the Interval of an Annual Conference, should it become necessary to constitute a new society (pastorate) within the limits of a given district, it is conceived to be the duty of the Presiding Elder (though perhaps not absolutely necessary) to apply to the Bishop having Episcopal supervision of the Conference, setting forth the circumstances of the case, and, with his direction and approval, proceed to organize. And for this purpose such persons, residing in the vicinity of the intended or proposed Pastorate, as are, or may desire to become members of the church, should be organized into classes, by enrolling their names upon class books, and appointing over them suitable leaders, and a Pastor. Thereupon the Presiding Elder should appoint a Quarterly Meeting and call together the Quarterly Conference, by which a board of Stewards should be elected. (Dis., Part II., Chap. i., Sec. 3, Ques. 4, Ans. 3.)

Whenever it becomes desirable to acquire or hold any property, or any property interest for the use of the church, a corporation should be formed by the organization and election of a board of trustees, as provided by law. (S. L. 1865, p. 275.) The church of itself is an ecclesiastical organization, having to do with the spiritual welfare of its members, only. To encourage and promote the objects of the church, the State has liberally made provision, by which the church may avail itself of all temporal aid necessary to carry on its work. And this has been done by appropriate legislation, recognizing the Trustees provided for by the discipline, as a body corporate, with power to execute the trusts reposed in them And though elected by an ecclesiastical organization. this board is, by the operation of the municipal law, vested with the control of such property as is required for the good of the church. And inasmuch as the laws of the State confer no power upon the board, unless such board has been elected in exact accord with the discipline of the church, it is highly proper, indeed absolutely necessary, that every step should be taken in strict conformity to the provisions of the discipline. (See Smith vs. Bonhoof, 2d Mich. 115.)—

The election of trustees is provided for. (Dis., Part VI., Ch. iii, Sec. 2.) The statutes of this State have no specific requirement as to the mode of electing trustees, other or different than that pointed out by the discipline. (See Act No. 168, S. L. 1865, p. 275.) Before proceeding to elect a Board of Trustees, a resolution should be formally adopted by the Quarterly Conference, viz., (see Form 1 of this report.) As the statute which gives the board its legal status requires that a "name" for it must be designated, so any desirable one may be chosen. But as it is "the name" by which the corporation is always to be "de-

scribed and known," and under which all its legal business is to be transacted, it should always be selected with care, and in good taste, and should be appropriate, expressive, and short. (C. L. 2013 and 2014, S. L. 1865, p. 275.) The Quarterly Conference should also journalize the election substantially as follows, viz., (see Form 2, of this Report,) taking care that the "corporate name" be in all cases exact, i. e., exactly as recited in the organic resolution (Form 1), and in the certificate of election (Form 3, of this Report). Upon the organization and election of a Board of Trustees, it is the duty of the President of the Quarterly Conference, at the time of the election, to give to such Trustees a certificate of their election, which shall fully and specifically comply with all the requirements of the statute. (S. L. 1865, p. 275.) Such certificate may be in the following form. (See Form 3, of this Report.) And such certificate, together with the acknowledgment thereof, should be promptly recorded by the county clerk, "in the county within which such church or place of worship, or such congregation, is situated." (See S. L. 1865, p. 276.) And when so recorded, the legal organization is complete, and such Trustees and their successors are a body corporate, by the name expressed in the certificate. (C. L. 2014.) (S. L. 1865, p. 276.)

To perpetuate a Board of Trustees, after the foregoing steps have been taken, it is only necessary that their successors shall be annually elected as the discipline provides, and the record of such election be formally journalized and preserved by the Quarterly Conference, and the following form of record is deemed sufficient. (See Form 2, of this Report.) A transcript of this record should immediately be served by the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference upon the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and should by the last named Secretary be carefully entered in full upon the records of the Board of Trustees, and attested by him as such Secretary.

Whenever it becomes desirable to organize a corporation for any society within, or for any part of, a pastoral charge, proceed as first above set forth for the organization and election of a Board of Trustees; *i.e.*, let the Quarterly Conference resolve to elect (Form 1), giving name, number of members, and locality (as near as possible) to the organization, and proceed with the election as formulated above.

The minister presiding at such election, whether "Presiding Elder," "Preacher in Charge," or "Elder appointed by the Presiding Elder," (Dis., Part II., Ch. i., Sec. 3, Ques. 2, Ans. ,) should at once give to the trustees elect the required certificate (Form 3 of this Report), taking care to have the same in all respects full, and the required acknowledgment perfected. This certificate is for the county records, and is of the

nature of an organic act, and if incomplete in any essential detail required by municipal law, (S. L. 1865, p. 275,) is not only void, but all the action having reference to the organization is also void. Ignorance of legal requirements, or the good intentions of the administrator, or the sacred interests of the church entrusted to us, cannot be pleaded, till we have acquired a legal status, by compliance with all the requirements of the statute.

Whenever there are two or more boards of trustees to be elected on any one pastorate, the proceedings should be in each case as is herein set forth; *i.e.*, the Pastor or the Presiding Elder should nominate, in writing, the members of each board, designating by the "corporate name" the board for which nominations are so made, and giving the full name of the persons nominated to serve on each, and the record of the election should be equally explicit, and as follows. (See Form 2 of this Report.)

By reference to the C. L. (2017,) and also to the law of 1867 (p. 100,) it will be seen that in order to confer power on the trustees to do as the acts therein specified, the "consent and direction" of the society, i. e., the members of the church in the particular locality for which such trustees were elected, must first be obtained. And it is believed by some, that the "consent and direction" of the Quarterly Conference is to be deemed the "consent and direction" of the society, while others are of the opinion that the "consent and direction" of the church members is requisite. The safer way would be to procure the required "consent and direction" of the church members, or a majority of them.

Your Committee will only add: Trustees should take good care to acquaint themselves with all the provisions of the statutes which refer either to their constitution, the nature of the trusts they are to execute. or to the manner of that execution, bearing in mind that all statutory provisions, whether organic or relating to business methods, must be strictly and fully complied with. Their first duty is organization, (C. L. 2050,) which may be effected by electing their Pastor or one of their own number "chairman," and a secretary, who may be of their own number or not, as they may elect. And all other officers or agents which they may from time to time find either necessary or convenient to appoint, may, in their discretion, be of their number or otherwise, and may also be dismissed at the pleasure of the board. But all action to be relied upon as authorized by the statute, must be formally passed upon at a proper meeting of the board—a majority being present—and entered of record, in a book provided therefor by the secretary, and authenticated by his signature.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. D. GILLET. R. SAPP. I. COGSHALL.

FORM 1.

(Resolution to be adopted by a Quarterly Conference preliminary to the original election of a Board of Trustees.)

Resolved, That a board of Trustees be elected by this Quarterly Conference for the society at, to consist of [three, five, seven, or nine] members, to be called and known by the name of ["St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church," or "the Central Methodist Episcopal Church," or "St. Joseph's Church." or "Peninsula Church."]

N. B.—The name is perpetual—can never be varied—and should therefore be chosen with care. (C. L. 2013, 2014, and 2044, S. L. 1865, Act No. 168, p. 275.)

FORM 2.

(Form for journalizing all elections of Trustees by a Quarterly Conference.)

Upon the nomination of the Preacher in Charge [or Presiding Elder, according to the fact,] the following persons were elected Trustees, viz., of "St. John's Methodist Episcopal Ceurch, A. B., C. D., and E. F.; and the Conference Secretary was instructed to notify the secretary of the said Trustees of this election.

- N. B.-1. Write the names of the Trustees elect in full.
- 2. The name of the Board must be recited exactly as originally given, or the election is a nullity.
- 3. The number of the Trustees must always be the original number. Nine persons cannot succeed seven—nor can five.
- 4. When two or more Boards are to be elected, use the above form for journalizing the first, then add after, the names of such first Board are given—of "The Central Methodist Episcopal Church," G. H., I. J., and K. L.; and of the "Peninsula Church," M. N., O. P., and Q. R.
- 5. The Conference Secretary (not the Recording Steward) should immediately serve upon each secretary of a Board of Trustees a transcript of so much of this record as concerns said Board, officially signed—and the last mentioned secretary should forthwith journalize the same, authenticating the journal with his official signature.

FORM 3.

(Form of Certificate to be given to a Board of Trustees, at the organization thereof, by the officer presiding at the election.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Ss. County of St. Joseph.

 Witness the hand and seal of the Presiding Elder of said District, and exofficio President of said Quarterly Conference.

The foregoing Certificate to be "acknowledged or proved by a subscribing witness thereto, before some officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds," and recorded in the office of the county clerk in the county where the church or congregation is situated. (See C. L. 2013, 2014 and 2044, and S. L. 1865, p. 275.)

(ACT NO. 168. S. L. 1865, P. 275.)

SECTION ONE. The people of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one and two, of act number one hundred and seventy-three, of the session laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, the same being number two thousand and forty-four in volume one of the compiled laws, be and hereby is (are) amended so that said sections shall read as follows:

SEC. 1. That whenever by the constitution, rules, or usages of any particular church or religious denomination, trustees are required of and for such religious denomination, such trustees shall be nominated and elected according to the constitution, rules or usages of such religious denomination. It shall be the duty of the officer presiding over such election to give to such trustees a certificate of their election, under his hand and seal, specifying the name by which such trustees and their successors shall forever thereafter be called and known, which certificate shall be acknowledged, or proved, by a subscribing witness thereto, before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds, and the said certificate, with the certificate of acknowledgment or proof thereof, shall be recorded by the clerk of the county within which the church or place of worship of such congregation shall be situated. in a book to be by him provided for that purpose, who shall be entitled to ten cents for each folio, for recording the same; and thereafter such trustees and their successors shall be a body corporate, by the name expressed in such certificate, with all the rights, powers and privileges of other religious corporations constituted according to law.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and the Legislature shall have power to amend or repeal this act at any time hereafter, at its discretion.

SEC. 3. This act shall take immediate effect.

Approved March 14th, 1865.

ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following report of funds received for the Freedmen's Aid Society from the various charges of Michigan Conference:

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NILES DISTRICT.

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The attention of the Conference is called to the fact that three-fourths of the charges have failed to report funds collected for this highly important and successful enterprise of the Church. The Freedmen's Aid Society has been organized in the Church, and we believe by Divine direction, to meet a most fearful responsibility suddenly thrown upon us by the emancipation of four millions of freedmen.

The demand for aid in carrying forward this great work of the elevation and conversion of these vast multitudes, is loud and imperative

It has been only partially met. And since a collection for the Freedmen's Aid Society has been placed among the the regular Conference collections of the Church, the minister who fails to take such a collection must be regarded as remiss in the proper discharge of duty.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. IDDINGS, L. H. PEARCE, A. HUNTSBERGER.

ON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is an association of women to labor in behalf of women, through the agency of women. We can but regard it as marking an important era in the history of missionary enterprise. For women are in large majority in the Christian Church, and women constitute the most needy and the most inaccessible class in heathen lands. And it is evident that the work of heathen evangelization cannot proceed successfully except by lifting women out of the degradation into which many centuries of ignorance, misery and sin have brought her. We, therefore, hail this movement with gratitude and delight, and most heartily bid it "Good speed."

This society has already attained to a vigorous life. During the past year, the second of its existence, it has raised over twenty-two thousand dollars, and sent twenty-one thousand copies of the "Heathen Woman's Friend" into the homes of the people. Within our own territory there has been raised during the past year the very handsome sum of nine hundred and seventy dollars and eighteen cents. This sum has been gathered by "mites" from the women of the Church, much of it saved by personal economy as the result of new missionary zeal. It is but simply justice, however, to say that this gratifying result in our own territory is due largely to the faithful labors of Miss Sallie A. Rulison, the very efficient Secretary for this State.

In view of these facts, we recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

- 1. That we continue to recognize the helpfulness of this Society, and to pledge our hearty cooperation.
- 2. That we will give the Secretaries in charge of this territory—Mrs. Jennie F. Willing and Miss Sallie A. Rulison—with their helpers, all possible aid in awakening and sustaining an interest in this society.
- 3. That we will encourage the circulation of the "Heathen Woman's Friend," the organ of this society.
- 4. That contributions to this society be reported and credited to the several charges, and inserted in our annual minutes.
- 5. That the Statistical Secretary be, and hereby is, instructed to provide in the statistical tables a special column in which shall be entered the reports of moneys received from the respective charges of the Conference for the current year.

F. D. HEMINGWAY, H. F. SPENCER, H. D. JORDON.

ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE ARCHITECTURE, AND CHURCH PROPERTY INSURANCE.

The Committee on the foregoing subject beg leave to submit the following report:

That we hail with pleasure the evidence of the improved taste which our recently erected churches and parsonages furnish. Nor is greater convenience overlooked. Exuberance of ornament is not to be commended, nor rigid plainness. He should aim at those styles which will not soon go out of fashion. There are certain styles which always look well. We should build for Methodist use.

We call attention to the inadequate ventilation of most of our churches. But the same cannot be said of our parsonages. It would help both to average them.

While we love to see beautiful churches and parsonages, yet we think the tendency is to build the first too expensively. Church pride and church burthens often go together. Our sittings are becoming more and more expensive, and practically exclude the poor from the benefits of worship in many places. We should remember that we "have the poor always with us." From these our ranks are to be recruited. We must not destroy their hopes, or neglect their salvation.

That style of building is extravagant which leaves the society despairingly in debt. It is easier to raise money before church occupation than after. We commend the maxim of worldly prudence "to count the cost." The prosperity of the church and the support of the Minister depend upon keeping out of debt.

We recommend that Trustees build with reference to the comfort and pleasure of the classes and Sunday School, as much as that of the public congregations. We have as many scholars as members. God hasten the time when all the members shall become scholars or teachers. Special attention should be manifested in furnishing greatly increased conveniencies in the cheaper grade of churches

Our *plans* of building cost too much. A good plan is indispensible to success. But the exorbitant rates of many first class architects drive our poorer churches to buildings without desirable models and specifications.

Churches should not be warmed by stoves placed in the body of the house. Those placed beneath are far better, and are good substitutes for small furnaces.

In view of our connectional unity, the Committee would commend the subject of church property insurance to the judgment of our next General Conference, We are satisfied that a plan may be devised by which the church may insure her own property at much cheaper rates, and greater certainty of payment in case of loss. The frequent losses sustained during the past year urge us to insure our church property at once in the best companies at hand. We especially commend this to the immediate attention of all Boards of Trustees.

We close this report by offering the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That while we build churches according to cultivated taste, we will remember we appropriate the Lord's money, and will not spend in show what is much needed in evangelization.

All is respectfully submitted.

A. A. KNAPPEN, Committee.

DAVID PRESTON'S LETTER.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, CAMP GROUND, September 5, 1871.

Rev. M. A. Daugherty, Agent Albion College:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Your favors of the 18th and 30th ult., were duly received and contents noted. I am glad the College Faculty is full, George B. Jocelyn, W. H. Perrine, I H. Hopkin, Haanel, Carney, Darling and Fassett. Concerning the \$60,000, I promised to raise from the people within two years from the time, the \$50,000 was pledged I have at present but two simple recommendations to make. First. Let every minister in both the Detroit and Michigan Conferences extend to every member of this Faculty (including the Agent,) a brother's hand, and a brother's heart. Let Albion College, all its Faculty, its Board of Trustees, its Endowment Fund Agents, its Conference Agents, all its students and patrons, all who have contributed toward its endowment, be a subject of daily prayer the coming Conference year, and that new friends to fill its halls with our youths, and friends to aid in its endowment, may spring up in every Methodist home in the State. If this duty is performed every day, with a confiding trust, in this promise of Jesus, Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, I shall have no fears about the number of students, no fears concerning the success of the Faculty, no fears concerning money with which to pay current expenses, no doubts about raising \$60,000 from the great Methodist family of Michigan. Second. That all the notes and pledges which have been given for Albion College during the last five or six years (excepting the

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\$50,000 pledged since January 1, 1871,) be paid during the present Conference year (1871-2). There is embraced in this list a large amount, many thousand dollars almost worthless to the College. Of course there are some notes and pledges which are worthless where parties have died or become bankrupt. But the great bulk of them are good and ought to be paid. If the first recommendation is carried out with one mind, it will manufacture a sentiment in the minds and hearts of our ministers and people in the first six months, that will enable us to flnish up the work successfully in the following six months. If the ministers will be a unit on this, as well as on the former recommendation, it will be accomplished. Let each one write this down in their books and in their hearts, as one of the duties to be accomplished this year. Albion College holds my note or pledge for \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100, with so many months or so many years interest due thereon. I will, by the help of God, pay all the interest I owe, the College by the first of January, and all the principal and interest before the first day of August next. Don't say you are poor and have nothing. All things are yours. The vast resources of our State, her mines of silver, of copper, of iron and coal, her mighty forests of valuable timber, her fruitful fields, her vineyards and orchards, her flocks and herds, her fisheries, all are yours. Won't you ask our father to appropriate enough from these boundless resources to cancel your indebtedness to Albion College this year. If these two recommendations are carried out the present Conference year, we will be ready at the commencement of the next Conference year to present Albion College to the people of this State without any spot or blemish, or wrinkle or any such thing, and ask them, with a good grace and a strong faith, to give us this \$60,000. And I fully believe that it will be done with a promptness, a heartiness, and willingness that we never saw before. Will you, dear brethren, please repeat this little story of mine to every member of our great family in Michigan? Tell it because I know it is true. If you will do it in simplicity, in sincerity, I will pledge all I have, (and I have nothing, for I have given all to Christ,) that when you shall come up to your annual conference in 1873, we shall all be able to tell the story of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His wealth and power, of Jesus and His love, and of the \$60,000 that have been brought by more than 30,000 willing hearts and laid as a thank-offering at His feet.

Yours hopefully,

DAVID PRESTON.

NOTE.

[The following Rule was received after the first form of the Minutes had gone to press, and is therefore printed here.]

20. It is the sense of this Conference that it shall be the duty of all persons intending to prefer charges against members of this Conference during the session thereof, to give as early notice as possible to the person to be so charged; specifying as nearly as possible the nature of the complaint to be made. In case this be omitted the complainant shall be required to explain the omission.

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Cambria	A. M. Hunt	600 00	500 00	P		
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Keeler		800 00	653 00	P	
Decatur			900 00	150 150	
Lawrence		[600 00]	530 00	P	
Bangorand Breedsville		700 00			
South Haven		900 00			
Lawton	H. Hall	1,025 00	1,025 00	P	6 85
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Total		\$19.832 00	\$17,753 40	\$704 66	8 \$245 17

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

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Grand Rapids Dist.	A. J. Eldred, P.E	\$1,500 0)0i	\$1,100 (20	\$300	\$300	
Division Street	G. B. Jocelyn	2,000 0			00	P		\$20 00
Bridge Street	W. J Aldrich	1,200 0		1,200	00	P		10 00
Berlin		800 0			96	P		6 00
Lamont			00		00	P		8 00
Spring Lake and			00		20	P		3 00
Fruitville	J. Cowan		00 00		27 00	ъ.		4 00
Ravenna	W Riley	800 (00	P		4 00
Sparta	N. Mount	600 (95	P		2 00
Cedar Springs		775 (775 (P		10 00
Rockford	L. Masters	700 0	00	518 (P		9 98
Cannon	E. D. Bacon		00	700 (P		15 00
Alaska	J. H. Tanner	650 (650		P		25 25
Middleville		700 (00	P		3 58
Hastings	J. H. Ross	800 (00	P		10 00
KelloggvilleGrandville	W. W. Johnson	550 (800 ($\frac{00}{00}$	P		10 75
Holland	W A Bronson	700 (00	110		1 00
Wayland	J. E. White		00		00	80	80	8 00
Monterey	J. W. Cawthorne		00	520		P		1 00
Total		\$18,125 (00	\$15,319	38	\$490	\$380	\$151 56

IONIA DISTRICT.

Ionia District	D. F. Barnes, P.E.,	\$1,300 00	8 1.232 28	\$200	\$200	
Ionia		1.000 00	1,000 00			
Saranac	A. P. Moors	900 00	925 00	P		20 00
Lowell		500 00	500 00			
Vergennes	C. Chick, jr	800 00	800 00			6 00
Orleans	T. J. Spencer	625 00	600 00	P	:	10 25
Greenville	W. M. Colby	1,000 00	1,000 00	P		32 20
Fair Plains	F. I. Bell	600 00	600 00	104	104	5 45
Stanton	W, T. Williams	650 00	482 74	50	35	7 50
Orange	B. H. Whitman	600 00	700 00			12 40
Browne	H. Coggshall	600 00	508 00	45		2 25
Irving	N. D. Marsh	500 00	343 87		:	
Woodland	A. Rodgers	675 00	675 00			5 00
Lyons	J. S. Harder	550 00	468 00			4 00
Pewamo	John Hills	400 00	400 00		75	4 00
Palo	G. C. Draper	700 00	600 00			9 75
Bushnell	N. W. Brass	300 00	125 00			
Bloomer	E. Hayes	600 00	505 00			10 00
Portland,	D. Engle	900 00]	900 00			10 00
Danby	T. Clark	600 00	580 00			3 75
Hubbardston	I. R. A. Wightman.	850 00	800 00	P		8 00
Total		\$14,650 00 8	\$13,744 89	\$674	\$614	\$182 12

LANSING DISTRICT.

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CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.	Fifth Collection
	W. H. Perrine, P.E. J. W. Robinson N. Fassett	\$1,500 00 1,500 00 900 00	\$1,500 00 1,500 00 900 00	\$250	\$250	\$13 00 6 00
Grand Ledge and Wa- cousta	H. D. Jordon	800.00	630_00	123	123	12 00
Okemos	A. L. Crittenden	600 00	600 00	P		7 50
	J. K. Stark,	750 00	800 00	P		7 00
St. John's Maple Rapids	L. W. Earl	1,000 00 700 00	$\frac{1,000 \ 00}{700 \ 00}$	P P	• • • •	4 35 10 60
Ovid.	J. T. Iddings	1.200 00	1.200 00	191	191	10 00
Shepardsville	E. Wilkinson	800 00	800 00	P		7 00
De Witt	T. G. Freeman	700 00	700 00	P		12 50
Eaton Rapids		830 00	830 00	P		7 00
Charlotte Vermontville	J. Gulick	1,000 00 700 00	1,000 00 750 00	P	• • • • •	6 21 6 10
vermontvine	J. Guilek	700 00	130 00	I		0 10
Chester	S. G. Blanchard	525 00	500 00			3 60
Onondaga	J. F. Wallace	700 00	575 00	P		5 75
	C. A. Jacokes					
Mason		1,000 00		P 140		5 00 3 00
LeslieBengal		700 00 550 00	700 00 550 00	140	20	3 00
Windsor	D C Woodward	1 600 00	425 00		1	7 00
Ithica	S. P. Hewitt	700 00	566 00	40	40	3 60
St. Louis	T. J. Hill	650 00	600 00	P		3 58
Fulton	S S. Slyter					
Total		\$18,405 00	\$ 17,826 00	\$744	\$624	\$140 79

PENTWATER DISTRICT.

Pentwater District	B. F. Doughty, P.E.	\$1,200 00	\$995 56	\$150	\$150	
Pentwater		1,000 00	483 41		57	\$2 00
Manistee	G. D. Lee	1,200 00	1,200 00			5 00
Bear Lake	L. C. Austin	500 00	350 00	50	50	1 75
Sauble River	E. Treadgold	600 00				1 50
Pere Marquette	W. Heysew	700 00	350 00	P		
Riverton	H. M. Hall, Jr	600 00	264 62			
Hart	G. A. Phillips	750 00				6 20
Benona	C. H. Howe	500 00	527 00	P		1 50
Otto	D. W. Parsons	500 00	200 00			
Hesperia	Wm. Harper	600 00	262 00	P		
Beaver	Charles Powers					
Fremont Center	W. H. Leach	500 00	264 21	P		
White Hall	T. Cleghorn	800 00				8 50
Fox Lake	L. J. Griffin	500 00	260 00			5 00
Oceana Indian Mission	J. Bennett, Jr	49 89	49 89			
Missionary to China	H. H. Hall			1		
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Total		\$9,999 89	\$6,828 69	\$320	\$257	\$36 85

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

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Northport and Leland.	S. Steele	600 00	145 00	40	40	2 60
Northport and Leland. Antrim City.	H C. Williams	550 00	300 00	P		1 00
Whitewater	A. T. Gray	500 00	406 86	P		1 75
Monroe Center		400 00	275 00			
Empire		425 00	425 00			2 50
Charlevoix		400 00	300 00	P		
Inland		89 00	89 00			1.00
Frankfort	A. J. w neeler	300 00	325 00			1 00
Sutton's Bay	G W Vonker	300 00	98 10		• • • • •	
Wexford	Supply	100 00			• • • •	• • • • • • •
Torch Lake	Sunniv	100 00	100 00			
Long Lake	Supply					
Pine Lake	D. H. Pierce	100 00				:
Pine River, Ind. Miss	I. Greensky	300 00				
Mackinaw	A. J. Sensaburgh	750 00		30	30	
Cheboygan	J. A. Van Fleet					
Cheboygan River	Supply			• • • • •		
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Total		\$7.014.00	\$4.818.10	\$2.18	\$220	\$8.85
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BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Big Rapids District H. C. Peck,	P. E	\$900 00	\$810 0	0 \$	\$	\$	
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Paris and Hersey G. W. Gost	ing	500 00	500 0	01		i 50	0
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Mill Brook & Sherman S. S. Wilson	n	500 00	500 0	06 30	20	15	0
Mount Pleasant N. Bray			500 0	0		6 0	0
Salt River						3 0	0
Isabella		300 00	300 0) P			
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Total		\$5,875 00	\$5,930 0	\$50	\$40	\$44 5	0

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

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DISTRICTS.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.	Fifth Collection.	
Albion	\$21,862 50	\$21,447 38	\$380	\$380	\$319 99	
Coldwater	18,533 00	16,620 00	899	899	122 53	
Kalamazoo	20,903 00	19,619 96	1,127	1,127	225 49	
Niles	19,832 00	17,953 40	704	668	245 17	
Grand Rapids	18,125 00	15,319 38	490	380	151 56	
Ionia	14,650 00	13,744 89	674	614	182 14	
Lansing	18,405 00	17,826 00	744	624	140 79	
Pentwater	9,997 89	6,828 69	320	257	36 85	
Grand Traverse	7,014 00	4,813 10	248	230	8 85	
Big Rapids	5,875 00	5,930 00	50	40	44 50	
Totals	\$155,199 39	\$140,102 80	\$5,636	\$5,219	\$1,477 85	

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MEMOIRS.

REV. GEORGE BRADLEY.

George Bradley was born in Hopewell, Ontario county, N. Y., May 31, 1810; was converted and joined the M. E. Church in Perry, Genesee county, N. Y., in his sixteenth year. In 1832 he married Miss Sophia Blakesly, of Oneida county, N. Y., who survives him. He was licensed to preach in 1837, by the Quarterly Conference of Copely Circuit, Worster District, Michigan Conference. He was received by the Michigan Conference on trial in 1838, and appointed as junior preacher to Copely Circuit.

In 1839 and 1840 he was appointed to Saline Circuit, Ann Arlor District; in 1841 he was admitted into full connection, ordained deacon and appointed to Plymouth Circuit; and in 1842 and 1843 to Milford, and in 1844 to Birmingham. Detroit District; in 1845, 1846, and 1847 he was Missionary to the Indians at Flint Mission, Grand River District; in 1848 and 1849 he was appointed Presiding Elder of Grand River District, which stretched across the state from the mouth of that river to Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron with headquarters at Flint. In 1850 the district was divided—the western part retaining the name of "Grand River," and the eastern was given the name of "Flint," on which Mr. Bradley served the two following years.

In 1852 he went to Lower Saginaw, where he built a church, raising the most of the means in New York; in 1853 to South Albion Circuit; in 1854, Marshall District; in 1855 he was agent of the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion; in 1856 he was stationed at Jackson, retaining the agency of the Seminary; in 1857, 1858, and 1859, he was Presiding Elder of the Indian Mission District, and Missionary to the Isabella Indian Mission; in 1860 and 1861 he was Presiding Elder of Lansing District, and at the Conference of 1862 superannuated—which relation he sustained to death. Though superannuated, his labors did not cease. In 1863, 1864, and 1866, he was employed as Missionary to the Indians at Isabella.

After the death of Rev. Wm Hott, the Indian Missionary. September 26, 1870, Mr. Bradley was employed to fill the vacancy, which he

did acceptably, till the 15th of April, 1871, when he was transferred to the Church Triumphant. Energy and fidelity always characterized the work of this good man. One of his old co-laborers truly said "If you want to see George Bradley, go where duty has called him, and there you will find him."

He was the true, unfaltering friend of the Indians, and nearly all the time since 1845 he had been among them, earnestly laboring for their good, following them when they came from Flint into the wilds of Isabella. He had been but recently appointed Indian Agent for this state, and the friends of Indians looked with confidence to the speedy settlement of the "land" and other exciting and ruinous questions, and the dawn of better days for these poor people.

But how mysterious are the ways of God! "He buries His workmen, but carries on his work,"

He went to N. Y. on business connected with his agency. From the Hudson River depot he went to the Ashland House, where he sank down and in a few moments died. To him this could be no surprise, he had been expecting it for several years and we believe he was well prepared for it. His remains were sent by Dr. Harris to his home in Michigan, where they were buried among those of his friends.

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REV. A. L. HOAG.

Rev. A. L. Hoag of the Michigan Conference was born in Tioga county, N. Y. in 1832. In 1837 his parents removed to Ills. In this new country his educational advantages were very limited and mental discipline much neglected.

He was reared by Christian parents and was the subject of many prayers. In 1855, at Elk Grove, Cook county, Ills., he became the subject of converting grace. Soon after this he removed to Colon, Mich. While here engaged in business he became impressed that it was his duty to preach the Gospel. Yielding to these convictions, he took a recommendation to the Annual Conference and was received on trial at Grand Rapids, in 1862. His appointments were at follows: Partello, Ceresco, Northport, DeWitt, Okemos, Orange, and Woodland. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Ames, at Albion, Sept., 17th 1865, and ordained Elder by Bishop Clark, at the session of Conference held at Lansing, 1867.

When I went to the Ionia District in the fall of 1869 I found Bro-Hoag entering upon the labors of his second year on the Woodland Circuit. He entered upon these labors with a spirit and energy he had never before exhibited. Was popular and successful on this Circuit—probably more so than on any Circuit he ever travelled.

The work of this year though cheerfully, earnestly, and efficiently done was very brief.

When I went to attend the first quarterly meeting on that Circuit I found Bro. Hoag a corpse, and instead of the usual services of such an occasion, we held the solemn and painful funeral of the Pastor. He died Dec. 4th, 1869, peacefully. and proclaiming victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

D. F. BARNES.

Special request was made by vote of the Conference that the above memoir be published in the minutes of this year, it not having been published last year.

M. B. Camburn,

Sec. of Mich. Conf.

MRS. REV. W. H. BROCKWAY.

CLARISSA BROCKWAY departed this life, July 4, 1871, aged fiftyfour (54) years. She was born in Ovid, N. Y., February 3d, 1817. With her father's family, in 1831, she removed to Michigan, being at that time a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On the 9th day of November, 1836, she was united in marriage to Rev. W. H. Brockway, who soon after his marriage was appointed to Sault St. Marie, L. S., as a missionary to the Indians. Missionary life in those days had a meaning which few now can know. Far beyond the limits of civilization, with only one white family in the neighborhood and a husband frequently from home, it was a tax upon her youth and diffidence such as few are called to bear. But she was not disobedient to the heavenly calling "and she went out to seck and save the lost," braving danger and enduring hardness, in fulfilling her mission of christian labor and love. For about ten (10) years, she had the principal care of several heathen children, and it was her lot, not only to provide for their temporal wants and teach them the arts of civilization, but also to make known to them the way of eternal bliss through the merits of the Great Redeemer. She labored for the Indians with a christian love, seldom equalled in patient tenderness and hopeful fervor. The savage yields to love; and her labors were greatly blessed Doing good was her study and her delight. Since her removel to Albion in 1848 she has been in labors for the good of others

"more abundant." Orphans from the city and children from the forest, seeking an education, have found hospitality and friendship at her home. In the welfare and prosperity of country and college—of soldier and students-she felt a deep interest and pleasure. Her kindness made neighbor and friend happy. As companion and mother, she was above reproach, and challenges the admiration of an extensive circle of acquaintances. Owing to the necessary absence of her husband from home on public and official business, her cares and duties were unusually numerous and great, but not beyond her power to meet and bear them. Modest and retiring in her disposition and very domestic in her habits. she "showed all good fidelity at home," and managed her household affairs with discretion and skill. Her dutifulnes to her family was surpassed only by her devotion to her Saviour. For nearly forty years she was a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during that time has witnessed a good confession for Christ. She loved the institutions of the Church, especially the class meetings, and enjoyed the priviliges of christian fellowship. For some time past affliction denied her the enjoyments of public worship. Her increasing sufferings gave "sore trial" to her faith, but in the midst of them all she "found strong consolation" in the presence and promise of her Saviour. As in health and life, so in sickness and death she proved the sufficiency and blessedness of the grace and hope of the Gospel. "To live was Christ; to die was gain." Her last hours were hours of ardent prayer for her family and especially for her children, that they might all be the children, of God. Her life is beautiful as an example of social and christian fidelity and virtue, and her death is bright with the strong assurances and the "lively hope" of a glorious immortality through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

In Account with JAMES W. REID, Treasurer.

ALBION DISTRICT.

Albion—By J. C. Wortley, Public collection, \$89 51; Albion College, 22 25; Sunday School Missionary Society 161 49; Total, 273 25. Life members of Parent Missionary Society: Mary Benham, Fanny A. Billings, Elizabeth Staples, Lottie Eslow.

Jackson-By H. F. Spencer: Public collections, 150 00; Sunday School 50 00. Total, 200 00.

Marshall—By C. S. Fox: Public collections, 55 50; Sunday School, 55 40. Total, 110 90.

Battle Creek—By J. I. Buell: 151 05. Life members of Parent Missionary Society: Miss Lucy Warburton, Miss Lillie Hickman, Miss Lillie Ford. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Miss Dellie Slason, Mrs. Mary Rowe.

Homer—By James W. Reid: Postage, etc., 3 00; exchange, 49c; draft on New York, 196 51. Total, 200 00. Life members of Parent Society: Rev. Jas. W. Reid, Mrs. Annie E. Reid, David Watson, Adelia Breaky, Mrs. A. E. Brooks, Lillie Barker, Lena Barker, Ella M. Loder, Chilian J. S. Howell; Smith W. Nelson.

Marengo—By S. C. Woodard: From the Church, 55 75; from Sabbath Schools, 11 25. Total, 67 00. Life members of Parent Society: Adelia Robinson. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Harriet Ward, Miss Agnes Coleman.

Parma-By L. Tarr, 157 75.

Liberty—By C. G. Thomas: Liberty Class—C. G. Thomas, Wm. McHaynes, E. B. Fuller, 500 each; B. F. Smith, 400; William Tubbe, Ambrose Crouch, each 200; Nathan Hess, William Foot, J. Stalls, Lydia Thomas, Oliver Haynes, Betsy Tubbs, Mary E. Wetherby, Albert Smith, E. M. Smith, each 100; Calvin Orvice, Gross Pond, Caroline Foot, E. Cruger, each 50c. Summerset Class—Mrs C. C. Stricland, Hiram Lord, each 300; Lucy White, C. L. Norton, Amos White, Louisa Eddy, Isaac Young, Edward Magafie, Mrs. Paul Reed, Noah Strickland, each 100; I. H. Freer, Perry Brown, Cynthia Magafie, Christa Brown, each 50c. Summit Class—Sidney Aldrich, 500; James Draper, 300; Elizabeth Ferguson, 200; Lydia Aldrich, G. Draper, Owen Ellison, D.

Phillips, A. Foster, S. Davis, Martha Draper, Nellie Ward, Mary Draper, Phebe Townley, each 1 00; J. Dixon, Martha Dixon, each 50c. Total 71 00. Members of Conference Missionary Society: Mrs. C. G. Thomas, Mrs. C. C. Strickland, Mrs. Mary Draper.

Concord—By B. F. Wright: From the Church, 26 00; from the Sunday School, 20 00. Total, 46 00.

Leroy—By G. E. Hollister: Collected at West Leroy by Miss Minnie Schramblin 20 55; by Miss Linnie Alvord, 23 40; paid by Sunday School, 6 00; Collected at East Leroy by Miss Etta Stanton, 15 95; by Miss Mary Austin, 10 35; by Sunday School, 3 00. Collected at South Leroy by Miss Lois Jacobs, 15 90; by Mrs. A. F. Randall, 10 25; paid by Sunday School, 3 00. Collected at South Battle Creek by Miss Emma Morehouse, 18 00. Collected at S. E. Leroy by Miss Emma Walrous, 8 00. Total from Leroy, 134 40. Life members of the Parent Missionary Society: Mrs. Marie Alvord, Miss Ella Stanton, Miss Minnie Schramblin, Miss Emma Morehouse. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Miss Emma M. Watrous, Miss Mary Austin, Miss Lois Jacobs, Mrs. Amanda F. Randall.

Moscow—By T R. Wilkinson: Collected by Miss Densmore, 2000; Mary Finch, 1220; Miss D. Hood, 1200; Mrs. Dr. Timms, 600. Total, 5020.

Mosherville—By M. Browning, 50 00. Life members of Parent Misdionary Society: Miss Caroline Mosher. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Henry Fleetwood, Mrs. Marp E, Eastman, Miss Juliette Fisher.

Litchfield—By G. W. Tuthill: 102 00. Litchfield—Collected by Miss Ella Pagr, Miss Ella Hoyt, Miss Ella Cook, and Miss Mary Tiffany; Rev. J. E. Mc-Allister and family, 10 00; A. M. Kellogg, Rev. J. Dobbins, cach 2 00; Miss Vie Bennett, Elitha 'Allen, Mrs. L. Hazen, Rev. W. P. Hazen, O. M. Fairbanks, T. Chappel, A. Anderson, Anson Gleason, H. H. Eddy, Mrs. J. E. Howland, Geo. Causey, L. B. Agard, each I 00; Mrs. B, P. Crane, 1 50; Mrs. L. Allen Mrs. Dobbins, J. Flint, Mrs. Flint, J. Willard, W. Stoddard, Mrs. W. Stoddard, Mary Stoddard, O. C. Wariner, G. E, Mills, W. Moore, Mrs. A Fairbanks, E. Stoddard, Mrs. E. H. Tuthill, Mrs. Dr. Howard, Miss E. G. Conger Mattie Rainey, J. E. White, J. C. Floyd, J. Conger, L. Woodard, L. C. Townsend, Rev. H. Johnson, S. DeGraff, J. Cook, O. Beamer, Mrs. Dorsey, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. P. Sheltees, E. Lansing, L. Lansing, Mrs. H. S. Reed, Sarah Hiller, Mrs W. A. Floyd, each 50c; smaller sums, 18 34. Total, 54 45.

Litchfield Sunday School—By Miss Jennie M. Conger, Charles Stodard, Augusta Fairbanks and Lucy Stodard, collectors; 13 20.

Sand Creek—Collected by Miss Elia Pardee and Miss Alice Mead: H. D. Smith, N. Smith, Jane Page, E. Page, S. Miller, E. Cook, Rolly Watson, Irving Mead, I. Van Vleet, each 50c; other sums, 4 05. Total, 9 05.

Kings—Collected by Miss Emma Heath and Miss Jessie King: C. Rozell, A. Rozell, T. Van Vleet, A. R. Thompkins, each 100; Mrs. N. Owen, Mary Rozell, Mary Heath, J. Parker, J. Finch, D. R. Rozell, J. Pencyer, Mrs. W. Van Vleet, J. Welden. each 50c; other sums, 585. Total, 1510.

Hadley—Collected by Miss Tillie Wade: Mrs. George Sharpe, A. B. Lafless, R. Lindsley, E. Jones, C. Gaige, Della Bennett, M. Ovenshire, Mrs. C. Gaige, each 50c; other sums, 500. Total, 1000. Life member of Parent Missionary Society: Miss Ella Page. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Miss Ella Hoyt. Miss Ella Cook, Miss Ella Pardee, Mary Tiffany, Tillie Wade, Jessie King, Emma Heath.

Tekonsha-By C. H. Ellis, 50 00.

Union City—By L. M. Bennet, 95–50. Collected by Sarah Maxfield: Wilbur, 25c; C. T. Maxfield, Catherine Garman. H. Trear, Charles—Bell—and Reuben Kirby, each 1–00; Ira Dufer, Wm. T. Osborn, Samuel Garman, H. B. West, A. J. Ackley. R. Crouse each 50c, total—8–25. Collected by Harriett—C. Risden: John W. Bennett, Charles E. Bennett, A. J. Youngs, Mariette Bostwick, each 1–00; C. S. Bennett, 3–00; J. C. Smith, J. H. Gulliford and C. W. Saunders, each 50c; Mr. McCosay, 25c; total 8–75. Collected by Hannah Haymaker: L. M. Bennett, 5–00; Mrs. George—Lee, 1–00; total, 6–00. Collected by Miss—Ella—E. Johnson: John West, 10–00; F. R. Johnson, 7–00; J. P. West, 2–00; John Coine, 1–00; Lenora Taylor, 50c; Geo. Almster, 25c; collection, 08c; total, 20–83. Collected by Sunday School, 3–77. Total collected at Union City 47–60.

South Union—Collected by Miss Kimball: B. Nelson, B. F. Kimball. each 100; W. Reynolds, Sarah Case, Newton Mitchel, B. L. Mitchel, Martha Mitchel Hube Herb, Martin Case, each 50c; Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. Kimball, each 25c; Total, 675. Collected by Flora Ann Whitley: Parker Hagner, and Cyrus Case, each 100; John Durbin, Sarah Reynolds, Mrs. Whitley, and Thomas Buell, each 50c. M. Wells, Darius Buell, each 25c; Mrs. Craw, 10c; total 460. Total at S. Union 1135.

Willard School House—Collected by Ida Lee: H. O. Lee, 2 00; Mr. Davis, Jane M. Davis, and Mrs. S. L. Lee, each 50c. Total, 3 50. Collected by Elma Snow: Wm. P. Case; 2 00; John Giltner, 50c; Kate L. Giltner, G. Bond, Lorenzo Johnson, P. D. House, E. A. Case, each 25c; F. Case, 05; total, 3 80. Total from Willard School House, 7 30.

Athens—Collected by Ida Palmer: Milton E. Kyes, 200; P. P. Leer, 100; Charlotte Bisbee, 75c; Caroline Holcomb, 50c; Harriet M. Palmer, 25c; E. Winter, 05c; total, 455. Collected at Athens by Lydia Kyes, 225. Total at Athens, 710.

Sherwood—Collectee by Elizabeth C. Buss: James Grim, Salena Codington, each 1 00; Catherine Lowry, George Jones, Asakiah Buss, Daniel Buss, D. W. Harcen, John Williams, Phillip Breson, Jacob Reseberry, Jerome Studley, R. Fracer, Thar Milligan, 50c each; E. C. Buss, 70c; F. N. Warne, 35c; Ellen J. Buss, Dwight Coddington, I. Hare, Elenor Lowry, Sinon Good, each 25c; Sarah Leatherberry, Amos Milligan, each 10c; total 10 00. Collected by Lavina Leatherby: Jabin Gwinn, Samuel Kilborn, Lyman Studley, Lucretia Pierce. A. Kilborn, A. Graves, Orphy Hazer, each 1 00; Joseph Collins, George Osborn, each 50c; L. B. Graves, Emiline Studley, Allicia Studley, Lewis Cline, each 25c; collections, 25; total 9 25; collected by Miss Beals 3 00. Total from Sherwood, 22 25. Life members of Conference missionary Society Harriett C. Risden, Salena L. Coddington, Elizabeth West, Charles F. Maxfield, Ella E. Johnson, Elizabeth C. Russ, Miss Kimball, Flora A, Whitley.

Birlington—By W. H. Ware, 18 55. Rev. W. H. Ware, Mrs. W. H. Mare, W. W. Howard, Mrs. E. N. Edmonds, each 1 00: C. S. Barton, 60c; Sidney Barton, 50c; Mrs. D. Cole, Mrs. H. J. Smith, H. B. Smith, Mrs. Whitmore, Amelia Withington, J. M. Farland, Edgar Randall, G. H. Fowler, E. Barton, each 25c; Della Chandler, Alonzo Starks, Mr. Pulman, each 20c; H. J. Smith, 10c; M. Downs. 5c; Total, 8 10. Caines'—C. Heliker, W. Cruse, each 1 00; L. Fry, A. Lester, 50c each; C. Rich, 45c; A. Caines, 25c; total 3 70. Wet Prairie—G. B. Murray, 1 00; Lutie Murray, 50c; Lizzie Kegartee 25c; collections 1 25; total, 3 00. Satherlands—W. Swartout, 1 00; E. Sutherland, Mrs. Snedeker, each 50c; James Sutherland, Harriet Sutherland, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs.W. Root, Cor-

nelia Williams, Emma Gould, each 25c; total 3.75. Member of Conference missionary Society; Cornelia Williams.

Nas wille—By L. M. Edmonds, 76 00. Collected by the pastor from L. M. Edmonds and family, 2 12; S. J. Wheeler, L. Mudge, each 2 00; Anson Boyce 50c; T. Blaisdell, W. Arnold, R. F. Austin, D. H. Brice, G. H. Hughson and wife, Wm. L. Parker, Dr. H. A. Barber, each 1 00; Ella Warren, 50c; T. Jones, 25c. Total from Nashville appointment, 14 37.

Maple Grove—Collected by Mrs. D. E. Brooks: from collector, 100; C. Downs, Peter Downs, P. Durham, 100 each; L. Wood, A. Colliev, T. Jarrard, Miss Dillin, 50c each; P. McComber and wife 350; R. Brooks and wife and Rev. G. Matherson, 150 each; Wm. Brooks 13c. Total 1463. Collected by Korah Cole: collector, 25c; Mr. Elliott, C. Demary, W, Bivens, 100 each; J. and Bell McKelvey, 150; A. Massey, 200; O. H. Cole, D. Demary, H. Demary, A. Plum, J. Hawks, E. Streeter, L. Ross, Martha Stewart, 50c; T. Welden, 20. Total 1095. Total from this society 2558.

Northwest Assyria—Collected by Lydia Powers: from Lydia Powers, A. McCinney, A. Briggs, C. L. Briggs, — Briggs, N. Briggs, C. S. Clark, S. M. Care, E. Clark, Mrs. C. Clark, M. T. Crunson, Lewis, 50c each; Mrs. Brown and J. B. Norris, 1 00 each; Miss P. Rooraback and S. A. Beebee, 25c each; total 8 50. Collected hy Ann J. Butler: from Ann J. Butler. 2 00; Mr. Rand, 70; Mrs. A. Munger, Mary A. Rugg, Mrs. E. Stevens and A. Stanton 50c each; Mrs. L. Squires, F. W. Squires, Mrs. E. Stevens and A. Butler, S. P. Poole, 1 00 each; I. F. Van Tyle, 75c; Sister Warren, Mary A. Butler, Adam C. Butler, Mrs. L. Miller and C. Cartwright, 25c each; F. Van Tyle, 10c. Total 12 30. Total from Northwest Assyria Society, 20 80.

Southeast Assyria—Collected by E. A. Wilbur: from E. A. Wilbur, Berry Brothers. Mrs. R, E. Fruin, Harriet B. Shepard, J. Payne, 50c each; D. Sackett and wife, 1 50; Miss A. Sackett. 100; J. F. Wing, B. Truine, L. Wilbur, S. Bird, Miss N. Keith and E. Tripp, 25c each; total 6 50. Collected by Nettie Keith: from M. E. Keith, Wm. Ashley, G. Morehouse, J. G. Walker, J. H. Keith Jane A. Thompson, 50c each; H. Hare and wife 1 00; B. C. Turner, Sarah M. Walker, George P. Stevens, Mrs. N. Keith, Lucy M. Stephens, Richard Stevens, Miss S. Hyde, Mrs. M. Messenger, B. Cassady, Wm. Follet, Eliza Osborn, J. Craig, E. M. Wilbur, 25c each; total 8 75. Total from Southeast Assyria, 15 25. Life members of Conference missionary Society: Mrs. L. J. Wheeler and D. E. Brooks, Korah Cole, Lydia Powers, Ann J. Butler, Nettie Keith, E. M. Wilbur.

Bellevue and Kalamo-By I. Taylor, 30 00.

Olivet—By George L. Cole, 43–25. Collected as follows: L. W. Travis, T. Huggett, J. Ackerson, S. G. Goslin, each 2–00; P. Mayo, D. Baker. F. W. Goucher, A. R. Upright, R. Paxtou, L. Matherson, H. L. Preston, C. L. Travis, N. E. Austin, T. Templeton, J. Chisholm, D. Greenman, W. H. Ward, C. R. Butler, B. M. Templeton, E. A. Griswold, D. Sackett, J. Bryant, O. B. King, Ann Sackett, C. Ackerson, A. Goucher, Mrs. Travis, each 1–00; H. Thomas, J. Wells, C. Brown, R. Ward, C. Stout, C. Ranger, H. Crouch, A. Haggett, J. Peck, each 50c; C. Bryant, A. Sharpsteen, A. Scott, S. Ashley, A. Maynard, B. Pickle Hattie Crouch, Mrs.Shipman, Hva Allen, Mr. Pitman, Mrs. Crouch, A. Ashley, each 25c; Total 43–25.

Dover-By J. J. Jenkins, 40 00.

Springport-By A.J. Russell, 117 00.

Mattison-By D. A. Ide, 30 00. Collected as follows: D. A. Ide, A. H.

Sprague, each 200; J. J. Johnson, J. Wright, P. Mangues, each 150; D. Sprague, B. L. Mitchell, each 100; L. Mahgues, 80c; Miss Connett, 75c; D. Milburn, G. Rhodes, J. R. Whitman, J. Rosebury, C. Curtis, M. W. Maxen, each 50c; A. Bailey, W. L. Burrett, S. Johnson, V. H. Raymond, J. Rolph, E. E. Raymond S. Crawford, P. Skinner, C. V. Caßgin, Miss Lockwood, C. Cross, Wm. Rosebury, W. Rosebury, A. Batrick, J. M. Whitman, L. G. Limbocker, O. A. Vanderbelt, J. Bowers, G. Willis, each 25c; Miss Gillen and Gardner, each 20c; A. Evans, 15c; smaller sums collected by Lettie Imber, 384. Total 3000. Life members of Conference missionary Society: Deniel Sprague, Marillus Merrit, Lettie Imber.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Coldwater-By Elias Cooley, 251 00: Robert's Bequest, 100 00; Church, 151 00. Girard-By A. A. Dunton, 41 00. Girard appointment-Eva Paddock collector: A. A. Dunton, 500; B. H. Smith, jr., 300; B. H. Smith, sr., A. A. Dunton, jr., Mrs. P. Curle each 2 00; Mrs. W. Perry, Dr. Chauncey, Mrs. C. Smith, Ira S. Nye, A. S. Smith and George Jones, each 1 00; R. B. Hollenbeck, 90c; Mrs. B. Worden, 75c; Mrs. M. Williams, A. Bidwell, P. Mann and Eva Paddock, each 50c. Total 23 65. Brooks'-Nettie Cutler, collector: P. H. Sprague, 1 50; R. Brooks, 1 00; S. F. Andrews, M. Cherdavoine, Mary J Brooks, W Gruner, S. J. Brooker, Hattie E. Brooker, each 50e; Mrs. S. Randall, 45c; P Murphy, Maggie Sprague, Mrs. Fonda, each 25c; smaller sums 52c; total 7 62. Cornell's-Phebe A. Gibson, collector: J. Billinger, Mrs. Billinger, J. D. Gibson, P. A. Gibson, C. J. Cornell, Mrs. M Cornell, each 50c; Mrs. E. Shaw, Belle Cornell, each 25c; smaller sums, 67c; total 4 17. Orangeville—Eunice Perry collector: S. Feller, 1 00; C. C. Perry and H. Downs, each 50c; S. Downs, Oscar Kyte, M. D. Barnhart, Ella Spafford, Mrs. Shorts, Mrs. Bath, and M. Carr, each 25c; smaller sums, 1 92; total 5 62. Total from Girard, 41 06. Life member of Parent Society: Eva Paddock. Life members of Conference missionary Society: Eunice Perry and Nellie Cutler.

Centerville-By L. H. Pearce, 200 00.

Constantine—By J. N. Dayton, 11200. Life members of Parent Society: Lois L. Teesdale, Rosa Brewer, Mary Pashby, Sarah Bittenbender, Ellen Forestall. Life member Conference Society: Ardelle M. Richards.

Mottville-By B. W. Smith, 33-50. Life member of Parent Society: Emma Cook. Life member Conference Society, Elizabeth Wagar.

White Pigeon-No Report

Sturgis—By A A. Knappen, 106 70. Isaac Tyler and Wm. Aliman.each 10 00 David Knox, Z. H. Wallace, S. Holliday, E. A. Jones, A. A. Knappen, Wm Simpson, each 5 00; E. W. Hudson, 4 00; A. T. Drake, A. Scoville, E. Paekard, J. Allman, each 3 00; S. Cade, E. Sandorn, Hattie Wallace, Mrs. Shephard, L. Bloss, F. I. Knappen, J. Tyler, A. A. Pope, each 2 00 M; rs. L. Fairchild, S. D: Rice, Mrs. J. S. Miller, "Mrs. A. Cade, Mrs. S. Adams, Miss E. Seeley, W. W. Culver, D. Burger, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Martha Kennedy, each 1 00; smaller sums, 2 20; public collections 2 96; total from church, 98 57. Infant class, 3 00; Little Workers, 2 63; Busy Gleaners, 1 13; Maggie Dye's class, 1 40; total from Sunday School, 8 13. Total from Sturgis, 106 70.

Burr Oak-By E. Beard, 52 00.

Colon-By F. D. Gage, 26 00: From the church, 16 00; S. School, 10 00.

Bronson-By T. T. George, 33 00. Life members of Conference Society. Mrs. E. J. Barnard, Julia Shaw, Marth J. Williams,

Gilead-By J. Hoyt, 15 25.

Kirderhook-By I. Bennett, 22 30. Life member of Conference Society Lillia D. Bickford.

Quincy-By W. M. Paddock, 100.

Butter—By A. Jones, 21 20. Life members Conference Society: Susan M. Norton, Linda Rosencrantz.

Allen-By C. S. Warburton, 5 00.

Reading—By. J. White, 32 10. Life member Parent Society: Mary Calista Culver. Life member of Conference Society: Rosa Kelley.

Cambria-By A. M. Hunt, 2 75.

Jonesville-By R. C. Welch, 15 00.

Hillsdale-By W. Doust, 19 00.

Frontier-No Report.

Osseo—By W. J. Swift, 50 00. Life member of Conference Society: Grace Hill, Silva Blakeman and Emma Hadley.

North Adams.—By J. Clubine, 115 55. North Adams, 86 55; North Wheatland, 10 50; West Wheatland, 18 50. Life members Parent Society: Miss C. J. Van Wagner, Nellie Barker, Ella Dunn, and Cora S. Bross. Life members of Conference Society: Mary A. Adams, and J. M. Holcomb,

Ransom-By W. M. Ball, 30 00.

Total from Coldwater District, 1,283 35.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Kalamazoo-By H. M. Joy, \$157 10; from the Church, 110 59; from the Sunday School, 46 51.

Three Rivers—By W. H. Pearce, 300 65. Cne hundred and fifty dollars of this missionary money to constitute Rev. Henry Penfield an honorary Life Manager of the Parent Missionary Society. Also the same amount to constitute Samuel Pugh an honorary Life Manager of the Parent Missionary Society.

Parkville—By E. D. Young, 82 11; postage on Missionary Advocate, 1 20 cash, 80 91. Life member of Parent Missionary Society, Eliza Bodmer. Life members of Conference Missionary Society, Mary Bodmer, Mary Adams, Emma E. Emery, Mary Slock, Amanda Deats.

Mendon-By W. Rice, 70 00.

Schoolcraft—By E. Marble, 77 00; from the Church, 65 00; from the Sunday Schools, 12 00.

Waukeshma—By J. W. Hollowell, 83 00. Life member Parent Missionary Society, Sarah J. Knevels. Life members of Conference Missionary Society. Ella Grover, Fllen L. Fairchild, Hiram Humton, Jessie F. Colles, Louisa A. Haywood, Norah House.

Oshtemo-By C. H. Fisher, 41 00. Lite members of Conference Missionary Society, Miss Jennie Sparks, Miss Mary L. Jones, Emma M. Balch.

Mattawan-By F. M. Deitz, 32 35.

Paw Paw-By H. P. Henderson, 106 80.

Waverly-No report.

Galesburgh-By J. W. Miller, 85 00

Augusta-By E. H. Day, 60 94.

Bedford-By C. T. Van Antwerp, 30 00

Richland—By M. I. Smith, 88 50; from the Church, 75 31; from the Sunday Schools, 13 19.

West Richland—By Miss Mary Tolhurst: L. Keef, 400; Samuel Tolhurst,

100; T. Friend, Mrs. E. Trafforp, each 50c; W. Staley, 35c; Lucy Pennels, Elizabeth Tolhurst, Wm. Stacy, W. Meadows, G. Clark, G. Ward, W. Stacey, Ruth Tolhurst, Hannah Green, Harriet Staley, Elizabeth Sweet, Mary Tolhurst, T. Trafford, each 25c; other sums, 45c—Total, 1005. By Miss Mary L. Buck: C. Buck, Olive Grow, each 50c; P. Sweet, Jane Pennels, each 25c; other sums, 50c—200. From West Richland Sunday School, 835. Total, 2040.

South Prairieville—By Isabella M. Crandall: I. Barber, M. W. Crandall, C. France, I. Doolittle, 100 each; P. Barber, Mrs. D. Cripsy, F. W. Davenport, Mrs. C. Honeywell, 50c each; Mrs. S. Barber, Mary Cooper, R. G. Flowers, Wm. Cox, and A. C. Vanderwalker, 25c each; in small sums, 205—Total, 1030. By Delia E. O'Neil: I. W. O'Neil, Miss C. Barber, C. Waters, I. V. O'Neil, 100 each, Mrs. D. Crepsy, T. Frey, D. M. Frey, I. Crepsy, and Wm. Stearns, 50c each; Mrs. S. Barber, D. P. Flowers, Mary Davenport, and Mrs. I. Vandewalker, 25c each; in smaller sums, 250. Total, 2030.

West Barry—By Mrs. Francis J. Williams: G. Bissel, C. Geiger, D. McBain, 100 each; Mrs. E. Nye, Mrs. I. A. Williamson, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. H. Hess, Mrs. H. Whitmore, Mrs. A. Cook, Miss A. E. Nye, B. Strait, M. Williamson, F. Snyder, I. Weelman, A. McBain, 50c each; G. McAllister, D. N. Williamson, G. McAllister, T. C. Roach, and Mrs. A. McBain, 25c each; in smaller sums, 210. Total, 1235,

Spring Brook- By Doreas H. Brown: Rev. M. I. Smith, W. G. Brown, 100 each; S. H. Firth, 150; Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. O. A. McBee, A. J. Burrell, Mrs. A. J. Burrell, Mrs. L. A. Brown, J. Miller, C. J. Brown, H. McBee, 50c each; S. France, J. Honeysett, Mrs. T. Nelton, Ruth Fulkerson, Mrs. H. Miller, and Miss E. Miller, 25c each; in smaller sums, 200-1000. By Anna Hicks: T. M. Robe, 200; H. B. Hicks, "A Friend," C. P. Hale, 100 each; G. Hicks, Miss F. Harper, Miss S. Miller, 50c each; F. Gay, Mrs. I. Gay, Mrs. I. Honeysett, Mrs. G. Hicks, F. Day, Miss A. Horn, Mrs. W. Hadlock, 25c each; in smaller sums, 2 13-10 38. By Jane Pennock: T. Hope, R. Bennett, A. R. Cook, 100 each: Rev. C. Gibson, Mrs. C. Gibson, Mrs. P. J. Strong, Mrs. A. J. Bennet, A. Newell, B. F. Pennock, I. Stewart, 50c each; I. Hale, H. Pennels, 25c each; in smaller sums, 122-822; Spring Brook S. S. Miss. Soc., 485. Total amount from S. B. Class, 33 45. By T. M. Robe, at Conference, 200. Life members of Conference Missionary Society, . rs. Frances J. Williams, Miss Delia E. O'-Neil, Isabell M. Crandall, Dorcas H. Brown, Anna Hicks, Jane Pennock, Mary A. Tolhurst, Mary J. Buck.

Cooper-By W. A. Cogshall, 675.

Prairieville—By A. E. Ketcham, 35 64, collected as follows: Albert Warner, 500; N. Broward, 300; Mary Broward, Burton Warner, Jos. H. Farr, Chas. E. McKay, each 200; Lucius Draper, Rev. H. Farr, Mrs. Keyes, L. Turpenny, Wm. Broward, Orisa Broward, J. Burst, each 100; A. P. Broward, 500: Maria Burst, 50c; Celia L. Wilson, 25c; other sums, 689.

<code>Plainwell—By Burton S, Mills, 116 74. From the Church, 83 45; from the Sunday Schools, 33 29.</code>

Otsego-By G. L. Haight, 70 00. From the Church, 67 16; from the Sunday School, 284. Collected as follows, by Miss J. E. Drew: W. E. Johnson, 5 00; C. A. Rugg, 200; J. F. Hall, H. Clark, S. W. Costigan, Minnie Nichols, M. Sperry, J. S. Glover, E. G. Curtis, O. Allen, each 1 00; other amounts, 3 75. Total, 18 75.

Watson—By Mlss Libbie Allen and Mrs. Marvin Nichol: Marvin Nichol, 300; L. D. Nichol, Wm. Wetherall, 200 each; Mrs. M. Nichol, Mrs. L. D.

Nichol, Geo. Goucher, J. Grant, S. R. Allen, Francis Monroe, J. M. Edgerton, 100 each; in smaller amounts, 175. Total, 1575.

Trowbridge—By Miss Maggie McKee and Miss Mary Russell: Henry Pierce, 200; Ichabod Stratton, Matilda Sherwood, Mr. Martindale, Wm. Sebring, Albert Sebring, Jacob Sebring, Seth Stockwell, Maggie McKee, each 100; in smaller amounts 1380. Total, 2380. Life members of the Conference Missionary Society: Miss J. E. Drew, Mrs. Marvin Nichols, Miss Maggie McKee, Miss Mary Russeil.

Allegan-By G. W. Sherman, 6000. Life members of Parent Missionary Society: James Ganson, Addie O'Rourk, Elizabeth Maine.

Ganges—By J. H. Potts, 32 00, contributed as follows: Wm. Packard, 2 00; Rev. J. H. Potts, J. Wadsworth, P. Taylor, W. M. Hendryx, L. M. Howard, Sarah Collins, S. A. Ferguson, Rev. J. M. Weaver, A. H. Tracy, Wm. O. Packard, Wm. Corner, R. Elliot, each 1 00; A. Adams. Wm. Collins, E. S. Collins, Minerva Collins, F. Payne, D. Hoover, Wm. H. Hoover, N. N. Taylor, Alice Taylor, E. A. Dunn, E. Hendryx. Laura Day, O. Parsons, G. F. Hughes, C. Wadsworth, W. B. Palmeter, Betsey Goodeve, Rev. Wm. McCarty, F. Storms, A. M. Heyd, B. Crawford, Mrs. V. R. Wadsworth, Mary Wadsworth, V. R. Wadsworth, Mrs. Dresler, Mrs. Warrick, J. Edridge, 50c each; Mrs. Margaret Parrish, 35c; S. A. Adams, E. Goodwin, Mrs. J. B. Goodeve, E. Hoover, Mrs. Hattersley, 25c; others in less amounts, 240. Total, 32 00. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: G. F. Hughes, David Hoover, William Corner.

Saugatuck-By A. L. Thurston, 580.

Flowerfield-No report.

Cheshire-No report.

Total from Kalamazoo District, \$1,540 78.

NILES DISTRICT.

Niles—By G. S. Barnes, \$128-10. G. S. Barnes, J. W. Hart, M. Herkimer, J. White, — Rounds, N. B. Reed, J. S. Tuttle, B. M. Redding, J. A. Peck, Mrs. C. Olds. Mrs. J. W. Hart, each 5-00; Mrs. N. M. Reddick, 4-00; T. T. Glenn, H. E. Glenn, J. B. Glenn, A. G. Hunter, W. H. Woodford, Mrs. H. Palmer, each 3-00; Mrs. B. M. Redding, F. Redding, W. H. Williams, C. P. Soverhill, C. M. Osborn, Wm. J. White, Miss Belle Palmer, Miss Sarah Heston, each 2-00; F. X. Phillips, W. P. Wetherbee, Miss C. Clark, Mrs. E. Torrey, Mrs. — Putnam, Mrs. Parminter, Mrs. G. S. Barnes, Mrs. Phillips, H. Hall, A. T. Hale, W. H. Freeman, G. Fowler G. Snyder, each 1-00; others, 22-00.

New Buffalo—By G. S. Hicks, 400. Collectors: Minnie Weed, Maggie Shuler, and Eda Schroeder.

Buchanan—By Win. M. Coplin, 2070. From S. L. Estes, 200; Almeda Estes, Abijah Estes, each 100; Lewis Baker, 300; H. L. Carlisle, 58c; Mrs. Logan, Bell Carlisle, Verginnia White, each 50c; Mrs. Bainton, 25c; Luella Bachelor, 75c—1008. Collected by Edith Rynearson, as follows: From Wm. M. Coplin, S. C. Coplin, Sarah Howe, John Buckles, E. Rynearson, each 100; B. Rynearson, 200; Frances Michael, Mrs. Rynearson, Ophelia Noble, each 50c; H. Rynearson, Elizabeth De Viney, W. L. Banta, Harriet Gilbert, each 25c—950, Paid by Sunday School children, as follows: Minnie Watson, May Watson, Katie Bliss, Charlie M. Coplin, Ida Chittenden, Estella Long, Cora Gosline, Kittie Hirons, Nettie Bliss, Alice Black, each 10c; Mabel Frank, Nettie Gray, each 3c; Ritter Ross, 5c. Total, 2069. Life members of Conference. Society: Mrs, Luella Bachelor and Miss Mary Kendall.

Dayton-By C. C. Olds, for I. Tomes, 500.

Berrien—By D. Burns, 21 50. Jesse Helmick, 200; Burns Helmick, E. A. Beach, Joseph Beach, Mary Van Patten, Mariah Tabor, William Tabor, James Graham, each 100; R. V. Clark, 60c; Stephen Harner, Elias Parmater, Mrs. Rachel Essuck, Miss Lida Filkins, Mrs. Besham, Mrs. Geo. Miller, N. J. Davis, John Shearer, Wm. B. Edson, Wyman Clark, each 50c; Elizabeth Helmick, Miss Adie Dudley, Miss Lillie Morrell, Peter Filkins, John Weaver, each 25c; Abram L. Beach, 10c; Effie P. Beach, 5c; sundries, 100. Collections at Odell's, 450.

Loketon-By J. W. H. Carlyle, 45 73.

Slevensville-No report.

St. Joseph-By Joseph Jones, 32 50.

Benton Harbor-By T. H. Jacokes, 28 50.

Coloma-By J. P. Force, 31 25.

Watervleitte-Mrs. M. E. McKee, 100; small sums, 512. Total, 612.

Millburgh—Sidney Spencer, 100; Mrs. S. Scofield, 100; small sums, 75c. Total, 275.

Bambridge Centre-Cash, 10 00.

Hagar—T. A. Barnum, I. Inman, L. Cole, R. Curtis, each 100; cash, 10c. Total, 410.

Red School House—E. Brant, T. Becker, each 100; small sums, 277. Total, 477.

Benton Chapel—Miss L. A. Barritt, J. H. Swisher, each 100; small sums, 150. Total, 350. Life members of Societies: Names not furnished.

Silver Creek—By E. L. Kellogg, 78 35. Collector, Silver Creek: "Hattie," 18 91.

Pipe Stone-Julia Doane, 1772.

Wayne-Hannah Burbank, 2035; Stephen Molt, 1140; public collection, 522.

Pokagon—By G. C. Elliott, 123 25. Church, 117 25. Sunday School, 6 00. Collected by Cora White, as follows: John F. Coulter and Lady, 5 00; William H. Coulter, Ephraim White, Peter White, Maggie White, each 2 00; William A. Curtiss, Herbert Doane, David Moore, William A. White, Lawrence Brewer, Emma J. Moore, Sarah A. Rhodes, Cora M. White, Fred. Hadsell, C. C. Thomas, Minerva White, each 1 00; H. M. Van Duesan, Ella Smith, Lillie Doane, Mason Doane, Lydia Chase, each 50c. Total, 26 50. Collected by Jennie White, as follows: Henry White and family, 10 00; James Coulter, 5 00; Arthur McNickle, H. S. Hadsell, Abbie Coulter. Ann Coulter, each 1 00; R. R. Perkins, Emma Smith, Frank Van Dueson, Carrie Van Ness, Rhoderick Van Ness, Hettie Hanson, James Hanson, Sarah A. Coulter, each 50c. Total, 23 00. Total amount received at Coulter's Chapel, 55 50. Collected by Abbie Andrus: T. T. McCool, 2 00; Mrs. William Lewis, S. Andrus, each 1 00; J. Burns, Miss R. Simpson, Mrs. Burns, each 50c.

Sumnerville—Collected by Abbie Edwards and Allie Walters: Jas. R. Lerder, Mrs. Jantha Wood, Abbie Edwards, ———, each 100; Mrs. Maggie Frost, Alice Walters, R. Cook, H. Cook, A. C. Wood, E. D. Wood, Mrs. H. W. Kibler, H. W. Kibler, Mrs. Mary Baxter, Mrs. John Gallup, Mrs. Ann Crawford, William Crawford, W. H. Griffith, William Wood, Samuel Frost, John Gallup, C. Goldie, Mrs. milliam Rodgers, Mrs. Patience Edwards, each 50c.

Barren Lake-Collected by Allie Metcalf: D. White and wife, 500; H. Met-

ealf, 400; W. W. Harder, R. R. Allen, each 300; L. Schell, Mrs E. A. Harder, each 200; E. Allen, 100; E. Metcalf, 50c.

Morris Chapel—Collected by Lizzie Shults and M. Walker: Isaac Schnorf, Mrs. Eliza Schnorf, each 100; Sylvester Schnorf, Samuel Van Near, John Van Near, A. J. Cuddeback, Mrs. Mary L. Cuddeback, Charles Stafford, Mrs. L. N. Orton, John G. Frany, Mrs. Catharine Walker, Rachel Snuff, Hamlin Skinner, each 50c. Public collection, 2075.

Edwardsburgh—By W. Matthias, 50 00. Life members of Parent Society: Mrs. Lydia Griffith and Miss Lydia Griffith. Life member of Conference Society: Mrs. Mary Horne.

La Grange-By Irving H. Skinner, 47 00.

Cassopolis—By Jas. Webster, 40 65. Collectors: Miss M. J. Worden Miss Lottie Graham, Miss Jessie Seely, Miss Ella Dyar, Miss Isabella Guinn. Life members of Conference Society: Miss M. J. Worden, Miss Lottie Graham, Miss Jessie Seely, and Miss Ella Dyar.

Dowagiac –By N. L. Brockway, 61 50. Church, 24 34; Sunday Schools, 36 00. Keeler –By J. Fowler, 14 75.

Decatur-By H. Worthington, 1025.

Lawrence—By Uri Mason, 23 30. Collectors: H. Kelley, 250; Selena Taylor 10 00: Emma Bryant, 10 80.

Bangor and Bandville-By D. S. Bacon, 13 85.

South Haven-By A. R. Boggs, 15 03.

Lawton—By H. Hall, 60 00. Collected as follows: By Libbie Ward, 13 25; Bell Conklin, 16 60; Libbie Ford, 14 25; Clara Adams, 11 75; and from Porter Center collection, 4 15. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Libbie Ward Bella Conklin, Libbie Ford, and Clarence S. Adams.

Total for Niles District, \$855 21.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Grand Rapids—Division Street: By Geo. B. Jocelyn, \$21700. Church, 18000; Sunday School, 3700. Honorary life manager of Parent Society: Luman R. Atwater. Life member of Parent Society: Miss Annie Lowe. Life members of Conference Society: Lizzie H. Foote, Harriet Knapp, Carrie Post, Minnie M. Merrill.

Grand Rapids—Bridge Street: By Wm. J. Aldrich, 15600. Life members of Parent Society: Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Quigley, Miss Belle Wright, Mrs. Butter, Mrs. Libbie Smith, and Mrs. L. Angel. Life member of Conference Society: Miss Ella Mills.

Berlin-By A. Hunsberger, 34 00. Church, 24 00; Sunday School. 10 00.

Lamont-By J. Graham, 34 35. Life members of Conference Society: Anna Andrews, Elizabeth Parker, and Charlotte Cample.

Spring Lake and Fruitville-By Jas. Roberts, 35 60.

Muskegon-By Geo. S. Hickey, 30 27.

Ravena-No report.

Sparta -By Nathan Mount, 21 25. Church, 3 65; Lisbon Sunday School. 17 60.

Cedar Springs—By S. L. Hamilton: Cash, 34 25; Postage Miss. A., 75c-35 00. Church, 23 18; Sunday Schools, 11 82.

Rockford-By L. Master, 28 00.

Cannon—By E. D. Bacon, 81 25. Collected by Martha E. Chapin, 28 25; Sarah Haynes, 12 00; Rozella Johnson, 10 05; Della M. Cowan, 10 30; Lilla Ba-

ker, 14 25; Antonette Lemereaux, 650. Life member of Parent Society: Miss Martha E. Chapin. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Sarah Haynes, Miss Rozella Johnson, Miss Della M. Cowan, Miss Lilla Baker, and Mrs. Antonette Lemereaux.

Alaska—By J. H. Tanner, 66 50. Life member of Parent Society: Mrs. Olive Caldwell. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Ellen Ellis, Miss Jennie A. Thompson, Miss Annie Keil, and Mrs. Elizabeth Cole.

Middleville—By N. M. Steele, 24 00. Miss Lucinda S. Stanford collected 11 75. Life member of Conference Society: Miss Lucinda S. Stanford.

Hastings-By J. H. Ross, 31 00.

Kelloggville-By W. W. Johnson, 50 24.

Grandville-No report.

Holland-By W. A. Bronson, 100.

Wayland-By J. E. White. 87 00,

Monterey-By J. W. Cawthorne, 1000.

Total from Grand Rapids District, \$943 46.

IONIA DISTRICT.

Ionia-By F. B. Bangs, \$92 00.

Saranac-By A. P. Moore, 70 00.

Lowell-No report.

Vergennes—By C. Chick, 80 00, collected as follows: Vergennes—By Miss Belle Collar, 20 05; by Miss Mary Crokes, 20 00. Fallasburg—Miss Nellie Chick, 13 04. Marbles—Miss Ella Bartholomew, 10 31. North Keene—Miss Jane Street, 10 75; Mrs. Frances Campbell, 5 85. Total, 80 00. Life members of Parent Missionary Society: Belle Collar, Mary Crokes. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Jane Street, Ella Bartholomew, Nellie Chick, Frances Campbell.

Orleans-By T. J. Spencer, 67 00.

Greenville—By Wm. M. Colby, 100 50. From the Church, 70 00; from the Sunday School, 30 50. Life members of Parent Missionary Society: Mary Sprague, Ruth Sprague, Amanda Seaman. Life member of Conference Missionary Society: Mary Griffith.

Fair Plains—By F. I. Bell, 7000, collected as follows: Fair Plains—Fannie Briggs and Mrs. Helen Wright, 2275. Wolverton Plains—Mrs. Lucinda Denman, 1300. Brown's—Susan Underwood, 1610. Fuller's—Mrs. M. A. Newbury, II 15. West Plains—Mrs. John De Graw, 700. In all, 7000. Life member of Parent Missionary Society: Susan Underwood. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Mrs. Almira Newbury, Mrs. Helen Wright, Mrs. Janette De Graw, Mrs. Lucinda Denman, Fanny Briggs.

Stanton-By Wm. T. Williams, 23 03.

Orange—By B. H. Whitman, 72 75, collected as follows: Orange—By Sarah J. Wolverton and Margaret Sailor, 20 00. Tuttles—By Eliza Goodenough and Lois Tuttle, 20 00. Benedict's—By Emeretta R. Gibson and Eliza Dorey, 20 00. Berlin Center—By Mrs. E. L. Gulliver, 12 75. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Sarah J. Wolverton, Margaret Sailor, Eliza Coodenough, Lois Tuttle, Emeretta R. Gibson, Eliza Dorey, Mrs. E. L. Gulliver.

Bowne-By H. H. Strickland, 3 15.

Irving-By N. D. Marsh, 1700. Life member of Conference Missionary Society: Mrs. Emeline Cranston.

Woodland-By A. Rogers, 47 00.

Lyons-By J. S. Harder, 17 10.

Pewamo—By J. Hills, 2500. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Mrs. Anna White, Mrs. Rilla Ludwick.

Palo-By G. C. Draper, 60 00.

Bushnell-No report.

Bloomer-By E. Hayes, 40 00.

Portland-By D. Engle, 50 00.

Danby—By T. Clark, 51 30. Collected from Danby, 19 50; Sebewa, 5 25; Oneida, 14 50; East Roxan, 10 25; West Roxan, 180. Postage on Missionary Advocate, 125. Cash, 50 00. Life members of Conference Missionary Society: Mrs. Eliza Compton, Mrs. Anna De Oamp, Mrs. Mary L. Partlow, Miss Cirena Thompson, Alpheus Bidwell.

Hubbardston-By I. R. A. Wightman, 27 00,

Total from Ionia District, \$912 83.

LANSING DISTRICT.

Lansing—Central Church, by J. W. Robinson, 86 00; First Church, by N. Fassett, 39 25.

Grand Ledge and Waconsta—By H. D. Jordan, cash, 70 00; Postage Missionary Adv., 1 20; Total, 71 20.

Okemos -By A. L. Crittendon, 34 00; A. L. Crittendon, 3 00; D. N. Callahan, T. Rockwell, T. H. Giboins, and J. A. Templar, each, 1 00; S. L. Callahan, N. Newland, S. Callahan, W. H. Ostrom, W. J. Stephens, R. B. Callahan, Ruth Gidley, J. A. Allen, and Mariah Day, each, 50c; Samuel M. Gregor and Philip Deihl, each, 1 00; T. J. Brown, Ann Brown, A. Templer, W. Templer, J. C. Mallory, Wm. Chandler, J. M. Wiley, Curtis Philip, A. P. Hudson, Lucinda Philips, Dr. Starr, J. Fire, J. Lindsey, W. Gibbons, D. DeCamp, G. DeCamp, G. A. Herd, Mrs. Parker, each, 50c; Mr. Duboir, 1 00; Collection, 10 00; Life members Conference Society: Mrs. Mariah Day, Mrs. Melissa Callahan, and Miss Ellen Hudson.

Bath—By J. R. Stark, eash, 70 00; Postage on Missionary Adv., 175; Total, 7175. Life member of Parent Society: Eliza J. Stark. Life members Conference Society: Mrs. Hattie Green, Lucy Blood, Sarah Hart, Susie Dryer, and Truby Shaddoc.

St. Johns—By L. W. Earl, church, 26 70; Sunday School, 6 00; Extra, 2 00 Total, 34 70. Life member Parent Society: Wm. Ferrier.

Maple Rapids—By J. R. Cadwell, 50 00. Life member of Parent Society: Miss L. Smith. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Rebecca Clare, Miss Ella Dewitt, and Mrs. James Adams.

Ovid—By J. T. Iddings, 100 00; J. T. Iddings and family, 25 00; W. H. Faxon, 10 00; M. Fitch, A. Swarthout, J. B. Hier, John Andrews, each, 5 0; Harmon Hassee and F. A. Vorheis, each, 2 50; G. B. Faxon, 1 00; Mr. and Mrs. Molone, 2 00; S. C. King, George Noe. F. Starkweather, A. Bogardus, each, 1 00; Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Southworth, 2 00; Dr. J. W. Hagadorn, John Noe, C. Bennet, and D. H. Misner, each, 1 00; H. A. Potter, 2 50; Rev. S. Eaton, 1 00; C. Farmer, C. Case, W. W. Dick, W. H. Goff, and James Eddy, each, 1 00; Mattie Watkins, and E. Cross, each, 50c; Mrs. George Edwards. 1 00; D. Armstrong, 50c; E. C. Eddy, M. Hiccocks, Elwin Swarthout, A. Ledgerwood, Mrs. Fletchum, and S. M. Fitch, each, 1 00; Rev. E. Atchison and family, 1 50; Unknown, 5 00.

Shepardsville-By E. Wilkinson, 61 52. Collectors Shepardville: Miss E. J. Brass, 10; Miss M. E. Pooley, 10 60; Sunday School, 3 00.

Duplain-Miss P. S. Dewstoe, 16 40.

Elsie—Miss M. A. Ormston, 11 00; Mrs. J. E. Carter, 11 12; Total, 22 12. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Mary A. Ormston, Mrs. Julia E. Carter, Miss Ella J. Brass, Miss Minnie E. Pooley, and Miss Phebe S. Dewstoe.

Dewitt-By T. J. Freeman, 77 40.

Eaton Rapids-By H. H. Parker, 100 00.

Charlotte-By W. W. Baldwin, 87 52.

Vermontville—By J. Gulick, 70 00. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Francis E. Larraway, Miss Clara E. Farr, Miss N. Carrie Sackett, Freddie Sprague, C. C. Hollenbeck, and Alteror Wheeler.

Chester-By S. G. Blanchard, 20 00.

Onondaga—By J. F. Wallace, 51 15; Wm. Barns, 10 00; Alfred Draper, 4 00; Horace Eldred, Harvey Sperry, Clark Hall, and Mrs. C. Hall, each, 1 00; Mrs. Frank, W. J. Campbell, Mrs. W. J. Campbell, Warren Draper, Mrs. Hiram, and Orrin True, each, 50c; L. Draper and Mary Henry, each, 25c; H. Foot, 35c; C. Ketchum, 25c; ——, 1 00; Mrs. J. Smith, 500; Elwyn Gale, 2 00; Henry Losey, W. Conklin, Fannie Town, Frank Hose, Mary Losey, Drucilia Town, Harriet L. Taylor, Mrs. Hartwell, and S. Stetter, each, 1 00; Truman Fuller and T. Drahan, each, 50c; Albert Upham, 30c; Edward Trefry, 50c; Jas. Trefry, 25c; Stephen Gillett, J. H. Robin, Horace Norton, Amos Topliff, and Robert Walton, each, 1 00; L. Barrett, Mary A. Stringham, and J. B. Gillett, each, 50c; Mrs. S. Fcowler and John Hersha, each, 25c; J. F. Wallace, 3 00. Life members of Conference Society: A. Draper, Horace Eldred, Henry Lesey, Rev. J. F. Wallace, and Mrs. Caroline Smith.

Mason-By R. Pengilly, 10 25.

Leslie-By A. A. Rolfe, 17 00.

Bengal-By H. H. Hulbert, 7 00.

Windsor-By D. C. Woodard, 28 00.

Ithaca—By S. P. Hewitt, 22-15. Life members of Conference Society: Rebecca Curtis and Emma Ridenor.

St. Louis-By T. J. Hill, 10 10.

Fulton-By S. S. Slyter, 7 90.

Total from Lansing District, 1,057 89.

PENTWATER DISTRICT.

Pentwater-No report.

Manistee-By George D. Lee, 30 00.

Bear Lake-By L. C. Austin, 20 00.

Sauble River-By C. Treadgold, 5 00.

Pere Marquette-By W. Heysew, 7 00.

Riverton-By H. N. Hall, 6 00.

Hart-By G. A. Phillips, 13 00.

Benona-By Charles H. Howe, 8 50.

Otto-By D. W. Parsons, 1 50.

Hesperia-By W. Harper, 2 00.

Beaver-No report.

Fremont Center-No report.

Whitehall-By Thomas Cleghorn, 10 10.

Fox Lake-By L. J. Griffin, 1300.

Oceana Indian Mission-No report.

Total for Pentwater District, 116 10.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT.

Traverse City-By Wm. Prouty, 21 20.

Old Mission-No report.

Northport and Leland-By S. Steele, 2 50.

Antrim City-By H. C. Williams, 10 60.

Whitewater—By A. T. Gray, Church, 8 78; Whitewater Sunday School, 1 22; J. B. Haviland, 2 00; A. T. Gray, 88c; May Titus, 1 00; U. L. Travers, Elias Wells, Wm. Whiteford, James Allen, Charlotte Bebe, Paschal Kimball, and Theedore Scofield, each, 50c; Wm. Crisp, 1 00; Mrs. C. T. Scofield, 25c; Ernest Wood, 15c.

Monroe Center--By L. Bathrick, 10 00. Life member of Conference Society Mrs. S. L. Bathrick.

Empire-By G. L. Gilbert, 2 00.

Charlevoix-By Wright Barrett, 3 00.

Inland-No report.

Frankfort-By A. J. Wheeler, 1 00.

Sutton's Bay-No report.

Almira-By G. W. Yonker, per M. B. Camburn, 2 45.

Wexford-By J. Hall, per M. B. Camburn, 40c.

Torch Lake-No report.

Long Lake-No report.

Pine Lake-No report.

Pine River, Indian Mission-By I. Greensky, per M. B. Camburn, 10 00.

Mackinaw-By A. J. Sensabaugh, 20 00.

Cheboygan, Cheboygan River-By J. A. Van Fleet, 3 00.

Mackinaw City-No report

Total for Grand Traverse District, 96 15.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.

 $\it Big~Rapids- By~James~Hamilton, 40~00$; from Church, 32 90 ; from Sunday School, 7 10

Paris and Hersey-By G. W. Gosling, 10 00.

Newaygo-By L. P. Ferguson, 7 10.

Cazenovia-By L. W. Calkins, 10 00.

Croton-By H. C. Peck, P. E., 5 00.

Satterlee-By J. M. Johns, 2 00.

Pierson—By Nelson Saunders, 20 00. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Hattie E. Pratt and Miss Minerva A Male.

Millbrook and Sherman-By S. S. Wilson, 200.

Mt. Pleasant—By N. Bray 5300; F. C. Babbitt, J. Raymond and Mrs. N. Bray, each, 400; J. Maxwell, 300; E. Audlin, J. Brasee, D. H. Nelson, Mrs. L. A. Fanchir, J. Block, A. B. Balcom, and Mary Preston. each, 150; Mrs. E. Bradley, Miss A. Wilden, L. A. Crane, Mrs. F. C. Babbitt, E. Bray, W. N. Harris, Miss E. V. Hursh, Miss E. Myers, Mrs. N. A. Near, Doughty Brothers, Mrs. A. Welper, Mrs. Mary Swan, C. E. Westlake, B. J. Thornton, and Mrs. Walker, each, 50c; other sums, 200; collected by Miss Matilda Whitehead, 500; by Mrs. A. Fay 500. Life member of Parent Society: Mrs. N. Bray. Life members of Conference Society: Miss Carrie Harris and Miss Matilda Whitehead.

Salt River-No report.

Isabella Indian Mission-No report.

Total for Big Rapids District, 149 10.

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

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OF THE

Michigan Laymen's Flectoral Conference

OF THE

MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

St. Joseph, Mich., Sept. 15, 1871.

The Conference convened at the Congregational Church in St Joseph on Friday, Sept. 15, 1871, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by William Allman, of Sturgis, and on his motion the Hon. Hampton Rich, of Ionia, was elected President.

On motion of J. W. Stone, of Allegan, A. A. Herron of St, Johns was elected Secretary. The proceedings were opened by singing, and prayer by J. W. Stone of Allegan.

On motion of Wm Allman of Sturgis, the Chair appointed as Committee on Credentials, William Allman of Sturgis and Daniel Striker of Hastings.

On motion of T. M. Robe of Richland, the Chair appointed a committee of two, consisting of J. W. Stone of Allegan and Philo H. Crippen of Coldwater, to confer with the Bishop, and invite him to address the Layman's Conference during its session if convenient with his other duties.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the Bishop having returned, reported that the Bishop requested the Laymen's

Conference to meet the Ministerial Conference to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, at which time he would be pleased to receive and respond to any address they might desire to make.

The report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion the hour of 3 o'clock, this day, was fixed for the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Reed of Chicago being present was called for. In response to the call he came forward and addressed the Conference at some length on the importance of the change in Methodist Economy, which we were just inaugurating.

The Committee on Credentials by William Allman, Chairman, submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Credentials would report the following persons present as Delegates and entitled to seats in this Conference:

ALBION DISTRICT.

Tekonsha—Sydney S. Smith.

Homer—J. Anderson.

Moscow— H. M. Rowley.

Marshall—A. P. Colby.

Springport—Christopher Pope.

Union City—David Kyes.

Bellevue—F. E. Andrews.

Battle Creek—D. P. Simmons.

Dover—Davis Lounsbury.

LeRoy—Isaac Abbott.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.

Gilead—Daniel Marsh.
Centreville William Saddler.
Coldwater—Philo, H. Crippen.
Sturgis—William Allman.
Girard—P. H. Sprague.

Osseo—Ebenezer Hunt.
Reading—S. J. Moffit.
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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.

Saugatuck.—Henry Bird.
Richland.—T. M. Robe.
Prairieville.—Albert Warner.
Ganges.—E. A. Fenn.
Allegan.—J. W. Stone.
Mendon.—L. Huntley.
Oshtemo.—Royal T. Balch.

Kalamazoo—Henry Wood.
Paw Paw—James Bale.
Otsego—John McKee.
Schoolcraft—Asbury Dawson.
Cooper—Joseph Skinner.
Plainwell—J. M. Copp.
Augusta—Volney Day.

NILES DISTRICT.

Dowagiac—Daniel Lyle.
South Haven—Joseph Lannin.
Decatur—Newton Foster.
Coloma—Thos. J. West.
Laketon—David W. Penwell.
Silver Creek—Wm. M. Frost.
Niles—T. T. Glenn,
Lawton—Jason Atwell.

Stevensville—E. B. Fuller.
Lawrence—Huram Jacobs.
Berrien—Jesse Helmick.
Keeler—W. M. Day.
Pokagon—John T. Coulter.
St. Joseph—Chas. Stewart.
Edwardsburg—M. C. Beauchamp.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.

Wayland—B. D. Monlton.
Berlin—Samuel Westlake.
Middleville—Thos. D. Buck.
Sparta—C, C. Eddy.
Alaska—Warren S. Hale.
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Hastings—Hon. Daniel Striker.
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R. Atwater.
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Woodland—Levi Holmes.
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Greenville—D. F. Moore.
Portland—H. Knox.

Saranac—Edson English.
Ionia—Hon. Hampton Rich.
Palo—A. E. Halbert
Pewamo—J. L. White.

LANSING DISTRICT.

St. Louis—Timothy Hutchins.
Ovid— W. H. Faxon.
Charlotte—John T. Terrill.
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DeWitt—Joseph H. Webb.
St. Johns—A. H. Herron.

Vermontville—A. Sprague.
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Thompson.
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> WILLIAM ALLMAN, DANIEL STRIKER,

> > Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted. John W. Stone of Allegan moved that there be appointed a Committee of five on Resolutions, and a Committee of three on an Address to the Bishop and Ministerial Conference.

The motion prevailed.

On motion of I. C. Abbott of LeRoy the Chair appointed a Committee on Nominations, of Committees on Resolutions and Address consisting of I. C. Abbott of LeRoy, L. R. Atwater of Grand Rapids, and C. H. Tompson of Lansing.

After a short Conference the Committee on Nominations made report as follows:

On Resolutions. Hon. Daniel Striker of Hastings, Newton Foster of Decatur, Hon. Hampton Rich of Ionia, William Saddler of Centreville, and L. R. Atwater of Grand Rapids.

On Address. J. W. Stone of Allegan, W. S. Hale, of Alaska, and I. C. Abbott of LeRoy.

The report was accepted and adopted and the Comittee discharged.

On motion of J. W. Stone the Conference ordered that the vote for Delegates to General Conference by be ballot, only one being voted for at a time.

E. Edwards of Big Rapids and H. M. Rowley of Moscow were appointed Tellers.

The Chair called the attention of the Conference to the embarrassed condition of the South Haven Church. He stated that their Church edifice had been recently burned by those opposed to the suppression of the liquor traffic. That they were not out of debt from the building of said church and were now compelled to rebuild.

He said that they had appealed to the Committee on Church Extension for \$1,000 aid, but they did not feel author-

ized to appropriate in any case over \$500, which amount they had decided to appropriate for that purpose, and he hoped that this Conference would be willing to provide for the other \$500

J. Lannin Lay Delegate from South Haven and the Rev. Mr. Boggs Pastor of said Church being present made full statements of their pecuniary embarrassments and necessities.

On motion W. S. Hale of Alaska and J. Lannin of South Haven were appointed a committee to wait upon the Conference and see what they were willing to do.

On motion the Conference adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lay Conference convened pursuant to adjournment and proceeded immediately to the special order of the hour, the election of two delegates to General Conference.

On motion the Conference proceeded to take an informal ballot for one delegate with the following result; For Hampton Rich, 35; Chas. R. Brown, 19; L. R. Atwater, 8; Wm. Allman, 6; J. W. Stone, 2; Geo. P. Sanford, 2; J. W. Sheldon, 1.

The Conference then took a *formal* ballot for one delegate with the following result: Total number of votes cast 84: necessary to an election 43. For Hampton Rich 57: Chas. R. Brown 19; Wm. Allman 5; Scattering 3.

On motion of J. W. Stone Hon. Hampton Rich was declared the unanimous choice of the Conference as one delegate to General Conference.

An informal ballot was then taken for the second delegate with the following result: Total number of votes cast 81; necessary to a choice 42. For Charles R. Brown 58; Wm. Allman 21; and 2 scattering.

On motion of J. R. Murdock, the Hon. Chas R. Brown having received a majority of all the votes cast, the ballot was declared a formal one and the Hon. Chas. R. Brown declared the unanimous choice of the Conference as the second delegate.

The Conference then proceeded to elect L. R. Atwater of Grand Rapids as Alternate to the Hon. Hampton Rich and J. W. Stone of Allegan as Alternate to the Hon. Chas. R Brown.

On call the Conference were addressed by the newly elected delegates and alternates.

The Hon, Daniel Striker from the Committee on Resolutions reported the following which were adopted and the Committee discharged:

Whereas, The doctrines and economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church have been signally blessed in the conversion and salvation of multiplied thousands during the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS, We are unfalteringly opposed to all radical changes in that form of church government which has so efficiently administered the Word of Life to millions of anxious believers; therefore

Resolved, That we, the members of the Electoral Conference of Laymen, of the Michigan Conference, assembled, declare that we are opposed to any change whatever in our church economy, looking to alteration in our plan of general superintendency.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Electoral Conference the efficiency and almost unparalleled success of our church in the past has been largely attributable, under God, to the Christian zeal, energy and efficiency of our general superintendents, and to the itinerant system established by the founders of our church.

Resolved, That the allowances made to our preachers by the several charges, for their services and support, becomes a debt; and an obligation rests equally upon every member of the church, according to his or her ability, to assist in the liquidation of the same.

Resolved, That it is the duty of our trustees, and we respectfully urge upon them the importance of having all our parsonages and churches insured, and that they also speedily attend to perfecting the titles to all church property.

Resolved, That upon the final adjournment of this Electoral Conference, we go as a body and convey our fraternal greetings to the Bishop and members of the Michigan Conference, by presenting these resolutions, and the address adopted by the Electoral Conference.

On motion of William Allman, the Secretary was requested to condense the minutes of the proceedings of this Conference, and publish the same with the minutes of the General Conference. A collection for the publication of the minutes was taken amounting to \$22.45.

The Committee appointed to solicit aid for the South Haven Church, reported that they had received pledges for \$500, to be paid in 90 days.

The Conference then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

SEPT.16, 1871.

The Conference convened pursuant to adjournment.

The Conference was opened by singing "A charge to keep I have," and by prayer by Wm. Allman.

The reading of yesterday's minutes was dispensed with. The Committee on Address by J. W. Stone, Chairman, snbmitted the following which was unanimously adopted by a

rising vote:

To the Bishop and Members of the Michigan Annual Conference:

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN:—The Laity within the limits of the Michigan Conference, brought together in the same place, and during the proceedings of your body, are heartily glad of the opportunity thus afforded, of extending their most cordial and affectionate greetings to you.

We are happy to be permitted thus formally to express our sympathy and co-operation with you in forwarding the aims and objects of our beloved church by all her time-honored and approved methods. While we feel disposed to do as our fathers did-follow the indications of Providence, yet we are unable to discover any conflict of interest or views between the newly organized force of the Laity, and the honored and toiling host with which you are numbered. Our attachment to the cause of Methodism, and our love and reverence for her usages, government and means of grace are stronger to-day than ever before. We see in the action of the church with reference to lay delegation, only a more formal recognition of the great element, and a hope of increased facilities for the laymen to work for God in the accomplishment of the one great object so dear to every renewed heart-the conversion of the world. We have the whole brilliant past of Methodism to assure us of the wisdom which has characterized its councils and directed its work. Our confidence to-day in that wisdom is unshaken, and we feel more called upon to serve than direct-more to give new impetus to the old machinery, than to originate. Especially would we

desire here to re-assert our attachment and fealty to the system of General Superintendency of our church, and earnestly pray that by no rash act shall this column be prostrated which has been both a cause and monument of our usefulness as a church.

And we would as stongly express and record our hearty approval of our itinerant system in the ministry, which brings its diversity of gifts in succession and wide reaching application to every charge. One object in admitting the Laity to the general councils of the church, has been to enlist more completely their peculiar ability in those enterprises, which, while they are religious, have a broad secular basis. In reviewing the achievements of Methodism, from the stand point of to-day, we are constrained to say that God has signally blessed the efforts that have been put forth to extend the Gospel. And we are admonished by the history of the past that our church is called upon to greatly augment her efforts for usefulness in the future. And as the Laity constitute the foundation of the material aid necessary to consummate these great moral enterprises, we are led to say, that as the Stewards of God we desire to co-operate with our ministerial brethren, and to aid with our substance, without grudging as God has given us ability.

The Laity perceive clearly the just demands of our educational Sunday School, Church extension, and publishing interests; they confess the need of improved financial measures for ministerial support, and the more thorough unburdening of Ministers in the matter of church erection. They confidently expect that the General Conference, to be held next year, will deal thoroughly and satisfactorily to the whole body of the church, with the painful misunderstandings and controversies connected with our principal publishing enterprise, and all other questions upon whose wise decision the prosperity of the church may in a measure depend.

We cannot close this address to our brethren in Christ without referaing particularly to the Sabbath school enterprise, as one of the most important auxiliaries of the church. We believe, under God, that the hosts of the redeemed world would be greatly increased if the church would become more thoroughly alive to her duty, and her interests in this direction. And while we bless God for his signal smile of approbation vouchsafed to this means of grace, we strongly recommend to our ministerial brethren an increase of their efforts to foster and promote this cherished enterprise.

Finally brethren, permit us to congratulate you and the church upon the rapid growth and advancement of Methodism in our midst and throughout the world. May our united efforts be so blessed of God that, like the stone hewn out of the mountain without hands, it may continue to roll, preserving all of its beauty and symmetry of proportion till it shall fill the whole earth.

We renew our declarations of sympathy and pray that He who leads us may continue to direct through the use of wise means and measures in the great work of spreading Scriptural holiness over all lands.

On motion Mr. Stone was requested to read the Address, and the Secretary, the Resolutions, (the Chairman being absent) before the Ministerial Conference.

On motion the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the people of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor for the hospitable entertainment that they had extended to the members and also to the Congregational Society for the use of their church.

The Conference then adjourned to proceed in a body preceded by the officers to the Ministerial Conference where after the reading of the Address and Resolutions, and greetings on the part of the Clergy the two Conferences were addressed at some length by Bishop Janes.

A. H. Herron, Sec'y of Laymen's Conference.

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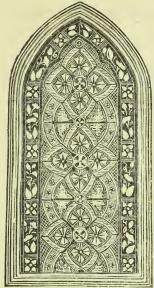
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